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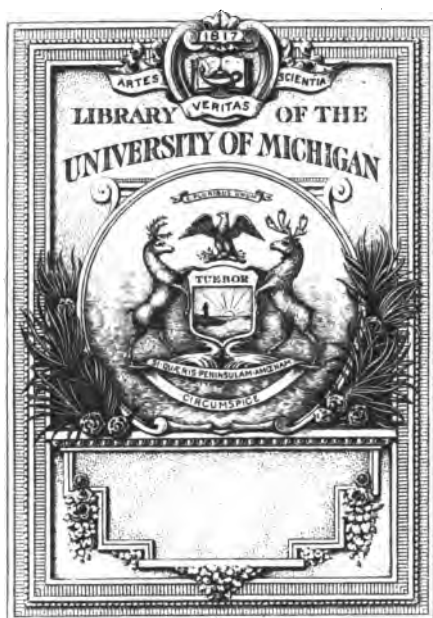
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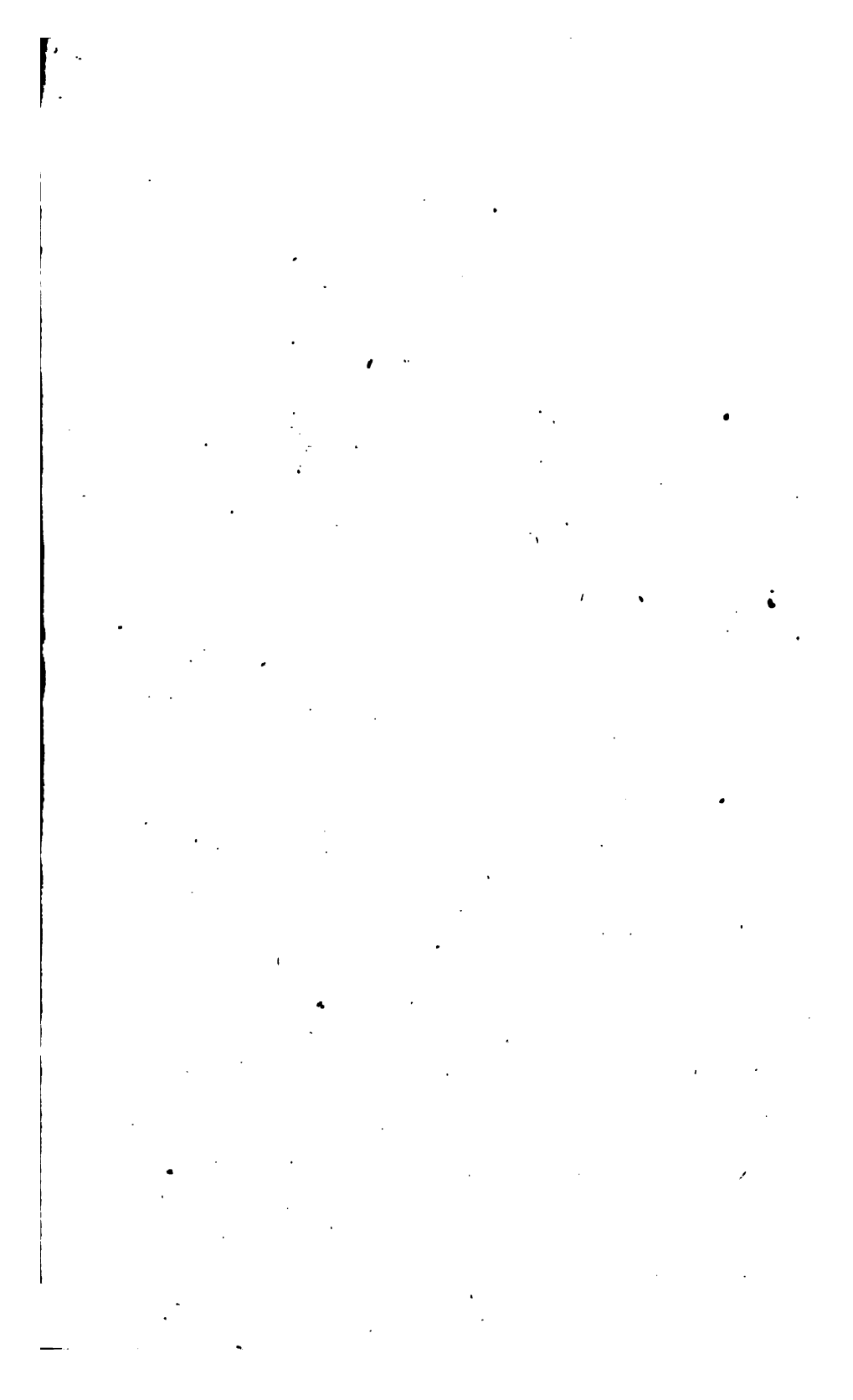
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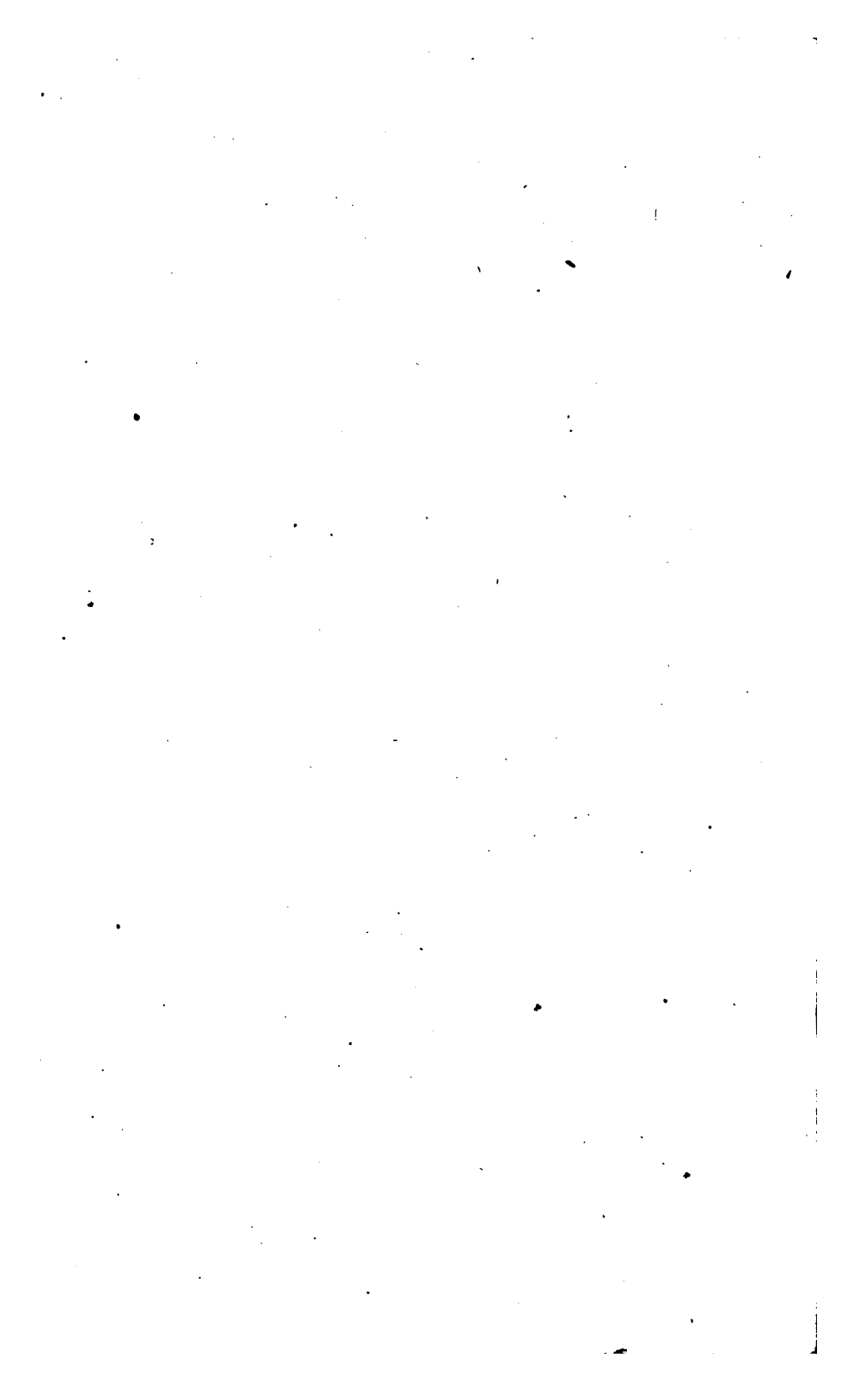
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HOUSE JOURNAL,

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Lansing, Tuesday, January 19, 1864.

Pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Representatives assembled this day, in their Hall, in the Capitol, in the city of Lansing.

At 12 o'clock noon, the Speaker, Hon. Sullivan M. Cutcheon, called the House to order.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Meyer.

The Proclamation of the Governor, convening the Legislature in extra session, was then read.

The following is the

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The President of the United States, by his Proclamation, of the date of the 17th of October last, has called upon the Governors of the different States to raise and have enlisted into the United States service, for the various companies and regiments in the field from their respective States, their quotas of three hundred thousand men;

And whereas, It has been judged necessary by many of the counties, towns and cities of this State, that provision should be made for the payment of bounties to volunteers, by such counties, towns and cities, to enable them to fill their several quotas with volunteers, and that further legislation is necessary, in order to give full faith and credit to the acts and obligations of such municipal bodies;

Therefore, believing that such an extraordinary occasion exists, as is contemplated by the Constitution, I, Austin Blair, Governor of the State of Michigan, in virtue of the power vested

in me by the Constitution, do convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective Chambers, at the Capitol, in Lansing, on Tuesday, the 19th day of January next, at twelve o'clock noon, then and there to consider and determine upon the measures proper to be adopted in regard to the payment of such bounties to volunteers, and the legalization of acts already done for that purpose, and all such other subjects as may be brought before the Legislature in pursuance of the Constitution.

• In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State,

[L. S.] at Lansing, this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

By the Governor:

AUSTIN BLAIR.

JAMES B. PORTER, Secretary of State.

The Chief Clerk being absent, the roll was called by the Assistant Clerk, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Aldrich, Allen, Barnes, Bentley, Bliss, Buckley, Burt, Clark, Cobb, Combes, Congdon, Cook, Cowan, Crane, Crego, Deare, Denman, Dockeray, Dow, Eldredge, Erskine, Fellows, Fifield, Fitch, Freeman, Gargett, Gaylord, Green, Griswold, Grosebeck, Harmon, H. A. Hayden, Haze, Hemingway, Hodgkinson, Hood, Jenison, Lockwood, Luther, Mallary, E. G. Morton, Mosher, Piper, Porter, Rankin, Raymond, Read, Slafter, Spencer, Sprague, T. G. Smith, Sweezey, Thayer, Thomas, Tinham, Voorheis, Warner, Welch, Wheeler, White, Williams, Wilson, Winans, Winsor, Wight, Woodman, Speaker—68.

The following members were absent:

Messrs. Beakes, Betts, Bowen, Chapoton, Davis, Dixon, Fowle, Grinnell, Henry Hayden, Howard, Keeney, Littlejohn, Mason, McKernan, McMartin, H. Miller, J. C. Miller, John Miller, H. C. Morton, Parsons, Pendill, G. A. Smith, Abram Smith, Aura Smith, Stewart, Toll, Weatherby, Woodworth—28.

The Speaker announced that a quorum of the House was present.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

Three years ago this House adopted a series of resolutions, pledging and tendering to the President of the United States, all the force and means of the State of Michigan, to aid in the execution of the Federal laws. Since that time Michigan has often reiterated her declarations of loyalty and devotion to the Union, and as often has she redeemed her pledges to the General Government, by her prompt and hearty response to every demand of the National Executive, and by the heroic valor of her sons on every battle field of the Republic.

Once more the exigencies of war have convened the representatives of the people to make good the plighted faith of the State, by adopting such measures and enacting such laws as the speedy success of the loyal cause may require; nor can it be doubted that Michigan will cheerfully answer every call of patriotism. If she faltered not during the dark days of the Republic, how much less will she now hesitate to do her whole duty.

One year ago we were battling with a proud, defiant, boastful foe; our enemy looked hopefully across the Atlantic for sympathy and aid; deep mutterings of treason and discontent were heard throughout the loyal States; and as rebellion gathered all its mighty, satanic power, and grappled with loyalty for the life of the nation, the stoutest patriot trembled. It struggled desperately, but failed. To-day all is changed. The cause of good government, freedom and humanity is prosperous. In the loyal States Agriculture and Commerce enrich the husbandman and the trader; the creditor shuns oftener than duns his debtor; the schools were never so well attended; the churches were never better filled; the people seek each day the bonds of the government by the million; three hundred thousand more are filling up the ranks of the Union army, and millions are yet in reserve; the birthday of the nation made

more glorious by its regeneration and baptism in heroic blood at Helena, Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Look South. The area of freedom is stretching its arms to the Gulf of Mexico; the area of rebellion bisected, contracted and contracting. Fifty thousand men who recently bore the shackles of slavery, now bear the arms of patriots; a hundred thousand who served petty tyrants, now serve their country. Grim, relentless war is felt in every household of the "Confederacy."

It remains for well fed, well clothed, hopeful, liberty-loving, victorious loyalty, to complete the destruction of starving, ragged, despairing, liberty-hating, vanquished rebellion. In that work our State desires to do her full share.

Let us, then, encourage our brave soldiers in the field by emulating their unflinching patriotism, and Michigan will have a proud record among the most honored of the sisterhood of States.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that a quorum of the House is now present and ready to proceed to business;

Which was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Deare, T. G. Smith and Wilson as such committee.

After a short absence, the committee appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that a quorum of the House is present and ready to proceed to business, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the House proceed to the election of a Chief Clerk, in the place of Edward W. Barber, who is absent from the State;

Mr. Read offered the following as a substitute for the motion:

Resolved, That Nelson B. Jones be and he is hereby appointed Chief Clerk of this House, to fill the vacancy in that office, occasioned by the absence of Edward W. Barber;

Which was accepted.

The resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fifield,	Mr. Rankin,
Aldrich,	Fitch,	Raymond,
Allen,	Freeman,	Read,
Barnes,	Gargett,	Slaster,
Bentley,	Gaylord,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Green,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Griswold,	Sweezy,
Burt,	Grosebeck,	Thayer,
Clark,	Harmon,	Thomas,
Cobb,	H. A. Hayden,	Tinham,
Combes,	Haze,	Voorheis,
Congdon,	Hemingway,	Warner,
Cook,	Hodgkinson,	Welch,
Cowan,	Hood,	Wheeler,
Crane,	Jenison,	White,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Williams,
Deare,	Luther,	Wilson,
Denman,	Mallary,	Winans,
Dockeray,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Dow,	Mosher,	Wight,
Eldredge,	Piper,	Woodman,
Erskine,	Porter,	Speaker,
Fellows,		

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NAYS.

The oath of office was then administered to the Chief Clerk elect, and he entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the Senate.

The committee informed the House that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed, to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are now organized, and ready to receive any communication that he may desire to make;

Which was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Read and Winans as such committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 19, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that Senators French and Hewett have been appointed a committee on the part of the Senate, to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are organized, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and to request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

Mr. Fellows offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be allowed to appoint an Assistant, whenever he may deem such an appointment necessary;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Warner asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Chapoton, on account of sickness.

The Speaker asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Beakes, on account of sickness.

Mr. Luther asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for Mr. Davis, on account of sickness.

The committee on the part of the House, appointed to join a like committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses have convened, and a quorum being present, were ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had discharged their duty, and that the Governor would deliver his

message, in person, to the two Houses, in joint convention, at 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Tinsam,

The House took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Messrs. Littlejohn, McMartin, J. C. Miller, H. O. Morton, Stewart and Woodworth, appeared and answered to their names.

Mr. Cobb offered the following:

Resolved, That until further ordered, the daily sessions of this House commence at 10 o'clock in the morning;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Denman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be and he is hereby authorized to fill any vacancies that may exist in any of the standing committees of this House;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Sweezey offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring.) That the two Houses of the Legislature will meet in Joint Convention, to receive the message of the Governor, at 2½ o'clock P. M., of this day;

Which was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 19, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the two Houses of

the Legislature will meet in Joint Convention, to receive the message of the Governor, at 2½ o'clock P. M., of this day;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

Mr. Hemingway offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed, to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that this House is now in session, and ready to meet that body in Joint Convention;

Which was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hemingway and Congdon as such committee.

After a short absence, the committee appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that the House is ready to receive them in Joint Convention, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the honorable Senators, who were conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by Honorable Charles S. May, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary thereof, and a quorum of the Senators were present.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk thereof, and a quorum of the Representatives were present.

The President of the Senate announced that the two Houses had assembled in joint convention to receive the message of His Excellency, Governor Blair, who would deliver it in person.

Senator Monroe offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of one from the Senate and two from the House be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two Houses are assembled in Joint Conven-

tion, and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make;

Which was adopted.

The President of the Senate appointed Senator Monroe, and Representatives Barnes and Haze as such committee.

After a short absence the committee reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and announced His Excellency Governor Blair, in attendance.

The Governor then read to the Joint Convention his message;

After which,

On motion of Senator Monroe,

The Joint Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate,

N. B. JONES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives,

And Secretaries of the Joint Convention.

The honorable Senators then retired.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called, and a quorum of the members were present.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That a joint committee of eight from the House and five from the Senate, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the subject of bounties, and the legalization of the actions taken by towns and counties in raising money, and issuing bonds for County purposes;

Which was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 20, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burns.

Roll called: quorum present.

Messrs. Grinnell, H. Hayden, Howard, Keeney, Mason and Parsons, appeared and answered to their names.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By the Speaker: memorial of the inhabitants of the township of Owosso, in regard to the matter of bounties to volunteers;

Mr. Deare moved that the memorial be referred to the committee on military affairs;

On motion of Mr. Read,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By Mr. Harmon: the memorial of the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston, praying for the legalization of the action of said board in regard to a loan, and the issuing of bonds for the payment of bounties to volunteers and conscripts therein mentioned;

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By Mr. Deare: petition of Ernst Rauspach, Edward Campau, and 40 others, tax payers of the township of Springwells, relative to legalizing certain actions of said township in regard to bounties;

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The memorial was laid on the table.

By the Speaker: the memorial of a committee, appointed by the board of supervisors of Lenawee county, praying that the action of the board of supervisors of said county, and the action of the townships of said county, in regard to bounties paid volunteers, may be legalized;

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The memorial was laid on the table.

ACTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Gaylord moved that the Governor's message, and the documents accompanying the same, be taken from the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That the message of the Governor be ordered printed, and so much as relates to the subject of legalizing bonds issued by towns and counties, and the raising of money for the payment of bounties to volunteers, be referred to the committee on ways and means; that so much as relates to soldiers' voting be referred to the judiciary committee; that so much as relates to the military road in the Upper Peninsula, be referred to a special committee of five; that so much as relates to the Gettysburg Cemetery, be referred to the committee on federal relations;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Luther offered the following:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the House, the following number of copies of the Governor's message, to wit: 3,000 in the English language, 4,000 of which to be distributed among the Michigan soldiers in the field, through the State military department; also, 2,000 in the German language, and 1,000 each in the French and Holland languages;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Cobb offered the following:

Resolved, That 2,000 extra copies of the daily journal, containing the Governor's message, be printed for the use of this House;

Mr. Williams offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the message of the Governor, and the documents accompanying the same, be ordered printed in the daily journal of this House, and that 10,000 copies of the message be printed in the English language, in pamphlet form—1,500 to be equally distributed among the members and officers of the House, and 8,500 to be distributed among the Michigan regiments in the field, through the State military department;

Mr. Howard moved to amend the substitute by striking out "10,000," and inserting "7,000," in lieu thereof; also, by inserting after the word "language," the following: "1,000 copies in the Holland language, 1,000 copies in the French language, and 1,000 copies in the German language;"

Mr. Wilson moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "1,000 copies in the French language;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Stewart moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "1,000 copies in the Holland language;"

Which motion did not prevail.

The substitute, as amended, was not adopted.

The original resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Tinsam offered the following:

Resolved, That 1,500 copies of the Governor's message be ordered printed for the use of the House;

Mr. Read moved to strike out "1,500," and insert "1,000," in lieu thereof;

Mr. Hemingway moved to amend the resolution by striking out "1,500," and inserting: "8,000;"

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion to strike out "1,500" and insert "1,000" did not prevail.

Mr. Denman moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "message," the words "and accompanying documents;"

Which amendment was accepted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of the daily journal be printed for the use of the members and officers of this House;

Mr. Crego moved to amend the resolution by striking out "1,000" and inserting "1,500" in lieu thereof;

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Lockwood gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5, 1857; also, an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5, 1857, approved March 12, 1861;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be requested to inquire into the expediency of paying to all the veteran volunteers re-enlisting in the field, an uniform State bounty, as near equal as can be to the amount of local bounties now offered by towns and counties; and that the War Department, at Washington, be requested to authorize the credit for veterans to be made to the State, *pro rata*, according to the number of persons enrolled for draft, and report by bill or otherwise;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Gaylord offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be tendered to the young ladies of the Calliopean Society of the Michigan Female College, on this Wednesday evening, for a lecture by the Rev. W. H. Perrine;

Mr. Denman demanded the yeas and nays, on the adoption of the resolution;

The demand was not seconded.

The resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Lansing January 20, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

A large number of petitions, memorials, and verbal applications have been made to me, requesting legislation authorizing various counties, towns and cities to aid in the construction of railroads by pledging their credit as corporate bodies for that purpose. Many of the roads contemplated are important, and well deserving all such encouragement as may fairly be given them. The Legislature, by an act of the last session, sanctioned the policy of such laws, and there seems to be a very general disposition in the State to adopt that method of accomplishing objects deemed important.

I submit the whole subject of such laws, therefore, to the good judgment of the two Houses. If the policy is to be generally adopted, it would seem to me best that a general law should be enacted, applicable to all parts of the State alike. If this should be done, such a law ought to be very carefully guarded, and the amounts that may be raised limited within such reasonable bounds as to protect the people against oppressive taxes in cases where the roads may not be found remunerative. The wisest men misjudge often in these affairs, and the most of people are in great danger of being deceived.

A law providing for the collection of claims against boats and vessels, navigating the waters of this State, is greatly needed. Such a law passed the House of Representatives at the last session, I am informed, but was not reached upon its final passage in the Senate. I recommend that some law upon this subject be enacted.

The law authorizing associations or corporations for the purpose of booming logs, is said to be impracticable and useless, while there is an urgent present necessity for such a statute. I recommend that the law be either amended so as to make it

valuable, or that an act be passed which will meet the requirements of the great lumbering interest of the State.

At the last session an act was passed to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13th, 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18, 1862. By some strange oversight a proviso crept into section 17, which destroys the whole law, so far as any practicability is concerned. I recommend that this proviso be repealed.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The message was laid on the table.

Mr. Rankin offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk cause a copy of the daily journal of this House, during the present session, to be supplied to each of the following persons, viz: the Governor, the several State officers, our Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, and the several County Clerks; also, to each newspaper in the State;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on ways and means be and are hereby requested to report by bill or otherwise, upon the propriety of paying an uniform State bounty to all veteran volunteers reënlisting in the field, equal in amount, as near as can be, to the amount of local bounties now paid by towns and counties;

Mr. Wilson moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "ways and means," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "military affairs;"

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Hemingway gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the

military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws.

Mr. Woodman offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be requested to forward two hundred and fifty copies of the Governor's message to each regiment, and fifty copies to each battery of the Michigan volunteers, now stationed in other States;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Buckley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and any one or more townships of Calhoun county, and the township of Hastings, and any one or more other townships in Barry county, to pledge their credit, or to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek to the village of Hastings, and to subscribe to the stock of a company now, or hereafter to be organized, for the purpose of constructing and operating a railroad between said city of Battle Creek and village of Hastings;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Barnes, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Fellows, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the several townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, to subscribe stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers Railroad Company;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Gaylord, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

Mr. Lockwood moved to take from the table the Governor's special message;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lockwood then offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the special message of the Governor of this morning as relates to aid by counties, cities and towns to railroads, be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations; that so much as relates to a law for the collection of demands against boats and vessels, be referred to the committee on the judiciary; that so much as relates to a law for booming of logs, be referred to the committee on State affairs; that so much as relates to the harbor corporation law, be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cobb gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for refunding bounties to volunteers.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 20, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the committees to whom the various subjects embraced in the message of the Governor have been referred, be authorized to act with like committees from the House, as joint committees, and be instructed to report bills to the respective Houses, with all convenient dispatch, to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained;

Which has passed the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on supplies be authorized to furnish the chairman of the several committees with necessary stationery, not exceeding five dollars;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Thursday, January 21, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Meyer.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Betts appeared and answered to his name.

Absent at roll call, Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Dixon, Fowle, McKernan, H. Miller, Pendill, G. A. Smith, Abram Smith, Aura Smith, Thomas, Toll and Weatherby.

Mr. Abbott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Buckley until Tuesday next.

Mr. Sweezey asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Thomas, for an indefinite time.

The Speaker announced the following appointments:

Select Committee on Military Road—Messrs. Lockwood, Stewart, Crane, Rankin, Howard.

Additional Member to Committee on Ways and Means—Mr. Barnes.

Additional Member to Committee on Military Affairs—Mr. Cobb.

Additional Member to Committee on Federal Relations—Mr. Luther.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Hemingway: memorial of the town board of the town of Burlington, Lapeer county, in relation to the payment of bounties to volunteers;

Referred to committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Voorheis: petition of Charles Porter, M. M. Stockwell, and 18 others, citizens of Oakland county, asking that such persons as were drafted in the late draft in November, and paid their \$300 commutation money, or went into the service, or furnished a substitute, be exempt from the tax raised to pay volunteers;

Referred to the committee on State affairs.

By Mr. Hodgkinson: petition of R. G. Hall, Geo. Scattergood, G. A. Starkweather, and 90 others, citizens and tax payers of the counties of Wayne, Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw, asking for a bill to enable them to construct a railroad from some point in the proximity of Detroit to the village of Howell;

Also, petition of Harvey Simmons, James Jay, and 25 others, citizens and tax payers of the counties of Wayne, Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw, for the same purpose;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Fifield: petition of Asa Reynolds, J. H. Wendell and 57 others, tax payers of Rose, Oakland county, praying for the passage of an act legalizing the action of said township in raising bounties for volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Gaylord: memorial of the board of supervisors of Saginaw county, relative to legalizing the action of the several townships of said county upon the subject of bounties to volunteers;

Also, memorial of the board of supervisors of Saginaw county, praying that the action of said board in issuing bonds of the county to pay bounties to volunteers may be legalized;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Harmon: memorial of E. F. Burt and 115 others, citizens of the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the county of Livingston, and certain townships in the counties of Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit for the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

Also, memorial of E. J. Penniman and 90 others, citizens of the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland and Livingston, for the same purpose;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Littlejohn: memorial of the town of Overisel, Allegan county, in relation to the payment of bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cobb: petition of H. G. Wells, Charles E. Stuart, and 134 others, citizens of Kalamazoo county, praying for a law to provide for reimbursing to individuals bounty money advanced to secure the enlistment of volunteers into the military service of the United States, and to legalize bonds issued for bounty purposes;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Gargett: petition of the board of supervisors of Gratiot county for a law to increase the bounty of volunteers, and to extend the benefits of act No. 67, of the session laws of 1863, one year;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Aldrich: petition to legalize the action of the special township meeting of Milton, Cass county, Michigan;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Read: petition of H. W. Bush, Isaac Corey, and 90 others, citizens of Charleston, Kalamazoo county, praying for an act to legalize the action of that township in raising bounty money;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Denman: petition of the board of supervisors of Cass

county, praying the Legislature to legalize the bonds issued by them to pay bounties to volunteers.

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By the Speaker: petition of E. S. Ingalls and 57 others, for the creation of the 13th judicial circuit in the Upper Peninsula;

Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

By the Speaker: petition of the township board of the township of Salem, in regard to money raised to pay bounties to volunteers;

Also, petition of the voters of the township of Ypsilanti, for the legalization of war bonds;

Also, memorial of the township board of the township of Augusta, in Washtenaw county, in regard to money raised to pay bounties to volunteers;

Also, memorial of the supervisor and clerk of the township of Ypsilanti, for the same purpose;

Also, memorial of the citizens of the township of St. Clair, St. Clair county, in regard to legalizing certain acts of said township respecting bounty matters;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Tingham: petition of Lewis Briggs, Austin Chilson, and 177 others, tax payers of the township of Livonia, Wayne county, relative to legalizing certain acts of said township in regard to bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the subject of the special message of the Governor as relates to the collection of claims against boats and vessels navigating the waters of this State, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to repeal chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft,

Containing the same provisions as the one that passed this House at the last session, and to which reference is made in the aforesaid message of the Governor; and your committee recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. TITUS PARSONS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for running, booming or rafting of logs,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GILBERT E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's special message as related to "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13th, A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18th, 1862," respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, as their chairman, to report the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to amend section 17 of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors and improve the same, approved March 13,

A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18, 1862, approved March 20, 1863,

And recommend that the bill do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax or borrow money to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20th, 1863,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

Mr. Barnes moved that the bill be placed on the order of third reading;

Which motion was withdrawn.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 21, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It has been represented that the charter of the city of Detroit needs amendment, for the purpose of conferring necessary powers upon the Police Commissioners. That as the law now stands, in fact no police of any value can be established or maintained. That the city may need a faithful police, has been fully demonstrated heretofore, and I recommend that such amendments to the charter be made as the necessities of the case require.

I recommend, also, that some law be enacted providing for a review and correction of list of registered voters of that city, at proper stated periods, for which there seems a present necessity.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

Mr. Lockwood offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the special message of the Governor as relates to amendment of the charter of the city of Detroit, be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations; and that so much of said message as refers to the amendment of the law to prevent the abuse of the elective franchise, be referred to the committee on elections.

Which was adopted.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Spencer offered the following:

Resolved, That the resident officiating clergy of the city of Lansing be respectfully invited to open the daily sessions of this House with prayer.

Mr. Barnes moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "officiating;"

Which amendment was accepted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Erskine offered the following:

Resolved, That there be printed in the German language 1,000 copies of the Governor's message, and accompanying documents, for the use of this House;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Deare gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Wayne county to make a temporary loan for bounty purposes;

Also,

A bill to provide for raising money, or issuing bonds, by townships, cities, or counties, to pay bounties to volunteers,

Mr. Lockwood, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5th, 1857.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. H. Hayden, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the county of Bay to issue and loan its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bay City to East Saginaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Hemingway, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Bliss, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to provide for paying or funding the bounty funds raised by the citizens of East Saginaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Lockwood, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. Cobb, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by the citizens of Kalamazoo to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Sweezey, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of the township of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States, since the first day of August, 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Woodman gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize certain towns in Van Buren county to aid in the construction of a certain railroad in said county.

Mr. Erskine offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on militia be requested to report a bill granting to each veteran soldier that has enlisted, or that may hereafter enlist from this State into the service of the United States, the sum or bounty of two hundred dollars, to be paid out of the State treasury, and said soldier to be credited to the State at large;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Winsor offered the following:

Whereas, The Provost Marshal General of the United States,

has appointed B. H. Hill, who was a non-resident of the State at the time of his appointment, and not a citizen of the State, to the position of Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of this State, and as though there was not a man in Michigan qualified for the position;

And whereas, Michigan has established her loyalty and patriotism in the blood of her sons on every battle-field, and as her unwavering loyalty does not require that she should be tyrannized over by a stranger who exhibits no sympathy except by availing himself of every opportunity to insult her citizens; therefore,

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to use their influence to have the said B. H. Hill superseded by a Wilcox, a Terry, or some other Michigan man equally qualified for the position.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to Provost Marshal General Fry.

Mr. Lockwood moved to refer the resolution to the committee on federal relations;

Mr. Mason moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion to refer the resolution to the committee on federal relations, prevailed.

Mr. Hemingway moved to take from the table the various memorials and petitions in regard to paying bounties to soldiers by towns and counties;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The memorials and petitions were referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Rankin gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to secure the elective franchise to the qualified voters of the army and navy of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Cobb offered the following:

Resolved, That the message of the Governor, and the documents accompanying the same, be ordered printed in the daily journal of this House;

Which was adopted.

The following is the message of the Governor, and the documents accompanying the same:

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I welcome you again to the Capitol. By virtue of that provision of the Constitution which authorizes the Governor to convene the Legislature upon "extraordinary occasions," your present assembling has been required. The period is itself revolutionary and altogether extraordinary. The rebellion still refuses to give us either peace or rest; and no human forecast seems sufficient to provide for all the exigencies of a single year. At your last session, after having tried the hard experiences of war for nearly two years, and learned somewhat of the requirements of the occasion, it was hoped that all had been done which would be required during the term for which you had been elected, and for the fulfillment of the obligation owed by the people of Michigan to the National Government, in its great effort to protect the Union and save the nation entire. All the measures of that session were, I believe, wisely adapted to the purposes had in view; but some changes made by acts of Congress in the methods of recruitment of the National forces, and the failure of those acts to accomplish the object in the manner and to the extent anticipated, have rendered further legislation expedient and even necessary. The enrollment act was evidently intended to dispense with the system of volunteering, and to rely mainly, if not entirely, upon drafting, to reinforce the National armies. No further appeals were to be made directly to the State authorities, to furnish their quotas of volunteers, as had been previously done; but the Government would at once lay its hands upon the men required, by means of the Provost Marshals and the machinery of the draft. It resulted, of course,

that local and State bounties would be no further required, nor would any further agitation by the local authorities be necessary, in any part of the country. This project has been tried, apparently with results not altogether satisfactory, whether for the reason that the law itself was crude and defective, or that the system was not in accordance with the habits and genius of our people, it is not necessary now to inquire. The President has, for whatever reason, in his proclamation of October last, "calling upon the Governors of the different States to raise and have enlisted into the United States service, for the various companies and regiments in the field from their respective States, their quotas of three hundred thousand men," returned to the old system, which looks to recruiting as the chief reliance for strengthening the military forces. The demand that the enlistments should all be "for the various companies and regiments in the field," also indicates a determination to cease ornamenting ambitious civilians with the insignia of military command, and in its stead to reinforce the veteran corps' by enlistments into their well trained ranks, under officers of tried courage and skill; a policy so wise that it is only wonderful that it was not adopted long before. As soon as practicable after the issue of this call, the quotas of the several States were made known to them, that of Michigan being a little in excess of eleven thousand. It was the duty of the State to respond to this call for volunteers with the promptness and energy which has characterized our people since the war began, and has made Michigan soldiers a pride and a glory in every army in which they have served. To do this required that all our recruiting machinery which had been laid aside for the draft, should be again brought into full operation. Some little delay was unavoidably occasioned in consequence of the draft being at the time in actual progress; but all things considered, the success has been more than equal to the most sanguine expectations. Recruiting has been brought back to the standard of enthusiasm of the first year of the war, and the ability of the State still to fill its quotas by the process of voluntary enlistments, has been proved beyond doubt.

BOUNTIES.

This has been accomplished mainly by the offering of liberal bounties to the volunteers, and a thorough agitation and canvass of the communities, consequent upon it. The people have generally taken the matter directly in hand themselves. Without any adequate laws directing their action in a uniform course, they have come together in their local municipal corporations, and in the various ways which seemed best to them, have raised the money to enable them to offer such bounties as seemed sufficient to induce the enlistment of the requisite number of men to fill the quota and escape the draft. As a general thing they have aimed at levying the amount raised, finally, by a uniform tax, in order that all those who ought to contribute to it, should be made to do so, however unwilling any might be; and to this there seems to be no solid objection. If any interest is more indebted than another for protection, to the maintenance of stable government, it is the property upon which the taxation will fall. And inasmuch as the war is waged for the preservation of such government, it may justly demand that the property of the country shall contribute, by fair assessment, to its success in every proper way. What more effectual way than by filling the ranks of the army under the immediate action of the people themselves?

In many instances, county, township and city bonds, and other evidences of debt, have been issued, which lack the necessary statutory sanction, and do not therefore possess, in the hands of the holders, their proper and legitimate value.

These obligations have been entered into in good faith, and in good faith received, presuming upon the patriotism and justice of the Legislature. They have been incurred for the most patriotic object, and have accomplished most honorable and beneficial results, both to the State and the Nation.

I have no hesitation, therefore, in recommending that the legislative sanction be given to the action of the people in the raising of money for the payment of bounties to volunteers since the passage of the act of 1863, under such guards and re-

strictions as may be thought necessary for protection against frauds and pretended claims.

In this connection, I wish also to call the attention of the Legislature to the question of the propriety of providing, by law, a uniform rule, by virtue of which bounties may hereafter be raised without the irregularities which have heretofore occurred, and without the necessity of another resort to an extra session.

It is extremely desirable that whenever bounties are offered, they should be uniform in amount throughout the State, in order that different localities may be prevented from a heated competition and bidding against each other, in a manner alike disastrous to themselves and the service, resulting in too many cases in downright deception and fraud, both upon the volunteers themselves and the towns and cities from which they enlist. For this purpose, it has been thought best by many patriotic persons that bounties should be offered only by the State, and that the smaller municipal corporations should be entirely forbidden to do so. In this opinion I do not concur. After considerable observation and experience, I am convinced that no contrivance has yet been adopted which can compare in efficiency with the local bounty for procuring enlistments into the military service. The same amount of money offered in any other way, either by the State or General Government, will not begin to equal it, and the reason is obvious. When the people of a town, or ward of a city, are called together to consider of the propriety of raising a bounty to fill the quota of that town or ward, a very great interest is awakened in the question at the very first step, and when it is finally determined to do so, and to assess the amount in some way upon the little community, the interest is so greatly enhanced that every individual of that community feels thoroughly committed to the project, and lends his utmost influence to accomplish it. This influence is worth even more than the money itself. Few will enlist from a cold, lifeless community, no matter for the money that may be offered. But let the whole people rise up to cheer

on those who enter the service of their country, offering generous bounties, not to buy an unwilling soldier, but as an earnest of hearty good will towards a gallant defender of a most righteous cause, in which all the blood that is shed shall be sacred, and the case is "bravely altered." The ambitious, enthusiastic young men will go shouting with joy to the ranks, and take up their arms with the spirit of heroes.

In whatever laws may be enacted upon this subject, the object should be to aid the action of the people by giving legal force and validity to such measures as they may decide upon, as being most likely to accomplish their purpose. At the same time it will be wise to fix some well defined limits, beyond which it shall not be lawful to go to prevent inconsiderate rashness. In fixing such limits, care should be taken to avoid extremes. It is not only important that the object should be pursued with great enthusiasm and patriotic energy, but that it should at the same time be continuous and not transitory. The losses of the companies and regiments in the field are constantly and steadily occurring. The men drop out of the ranks one by one into the hospital. Large numbers of them never return to active duty, disappearing in the invalid corps, or being finally discharged to return to civil life. Their places in the ranks ought to be supplied by a steady influx of new recruits. It is better every way that the number required to keep up the numbers of the Michigan regiments in the field should be obtained by a steady and constant recruitment of new men, than that all should have to be done in a period limited to a few days, and consequently by a spasmodic exhausting effort which will soon need to be repeated. Under the present system of credits to the sub-districts, any surplus is always carried forward, in fact the enrollment law requires that, and any town may, by a steady system of recruiting, keep its quota constantly filled, thus avoiding the extra expenses and effort occasioned by haste and strong competition on the eve of a draft.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the companies and regi-

ments we have put in the field, and can repay it in no way so well as keeping their ranks full. It ought not to be considered a fulfillment of our whole duty merely to raise the quotas assigned us. It is a sacred obligation resting upon the people to sustain the troops in the field; and for this purpose it is essential that the action be unremitting and steadily sustained. When bounties are offered, the offer should be continued after the immediate exigency is past, thus providing a surplus to meet another call.

The State bounty which was provided by the act approved March 6th, 1863, was withdrawn soon after the late call was made. This action was rendered proper by two considerations: First, the war loan fund was insufficient in amount to pay it to so large a number of men as the call embraced; and secondly, because the United States Government had so largely increased its bounties, that its payment was considered unnecessary so long as those should continue to be paid.

It will be remembered that this State bounty was recommended in the message of a year ago to supply the place, to some extent, of the local bounties which it was apprehended would cease as soon as the draft then progressing was over, which proved to be the case. And this was for the purpose of preventing the entire abandonment of the recruiting service, which it also has accomplished. This is a case which is very likely to occur again, and I wish to reserve the amount still remaining in the war loan fund to be used when and where other bounties are withheld, or there is some especial reason for their being paid, as in the case of the veterans who reenlist, having never received any bounty from the State. The payment of this bounty was also confined by express words of the act, to those who should "enlist in any regiment, battery or company heretofore mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, or now [then] organizing in this State for such service." The purpose of this was to encourage enlistments in the old regiments, and to discourage the formation of new ones, a policy which has now been adopted by the General

Government. To prevent misconception, this act will require some slight amendment, more especially in regard to the discretion which was vested in the Executive. In its main object, however, I believe it to have been a very beneficial law, and trust it may be retained.

ENABLING SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD TO VOTE.

At your session a year ago, a bill passed the House of Representatives, providing for the exercise of the right of suffrage in our elections by our soldiers absent from the State in the service of the United States. This bill reached the Senate at the very heel of the session and failed, it was understood, for want of time to consider it. The subject was one of great importance and surrounded with grave doubts and difficulties.

Perhaps the minds of members were not altogether settled at that time as to the rightfulness or policy of such a law. The Constitutions of the States have all been framed without any view to such a condition of things as the present; and there has always been in this country, as in England, great jealousy of the army mingling in the affairs of civil administration. During the past year, however, very great consideration has been given to the subject in nearly all the loyal States. It has come into judgment before the highest tribunals of several of them, eliciting very learned and patriotic opinions from the judges, which have thrown great light upon it, and gone far to establish the legal principles which must guide all proper legislation in that direction.

That patriotism, justice and sound policy require the passage of such laws, wherever they can be constitutionally enacted, seems to be now generally agreed. The volunteer army of the United States is composed of the people of the United States. They have left their various occupations in civil life and taken up arms at the call of their country, not to become professional soldiers, but to defend their country and government from destruction, and their homes and property from desecration and pillage. Not to renounce civil life and the pursuits of peace, but to establish, upon an enduring basis, the right to both, for

themselves and their posterity. With a patriotism and courage worthy of everlasting remembrance they have periled everything, that their country and its free institutions may continue to exist. They are absent from the polls of the elections in their several towns and wards, beating back the power of a causeless and cruel rebellion in order that those very elections may be held in peace, and that the right to hold them and to have their results respected and obeyed shall continue forever. If these volunteer citizen soldiers should not have a voice in the civil administration of the government for which they fight, then it would be well to inquire who is worthy of it. Though soldiers, they have not ceased to be citizens and residents, nor is their stake less in the country than that of those who remain in peace at home. Surely, he who stands faithfully by his country in the shock of battle, may be safely trusted at the ballot box, though it should be carried to him at Vicksburg or Chattanooga.

Is it, then, within the constitutional powers of this Legislature, to enact a law granting the exercise of the right of suffrage elsewhere than in the town or ward where the voter is a resident? It is not a question of the right to vote, but only of the place where the ballot shall be received. No change of qualifications in the voter, nor in the manner of his exercising the right, will be required. All the case demands is the establishment of a poll for the reception of votes in or near the camps of the troops. No right of challenge will be denied, nor any safeguard which the utmost prudence may enact. If such power exists in your body, then by every consideration of justice and right let it be done; but if not, then however much we may regret it, we must not move a step in that direction, since they would not be fit to make laws who will not obey the fundamental law. It becomes us, therefore, to examine carefully and judge dispassionately.

That the Legislature has the power to fix the time, place and manner of holding elections, and to establish the qualifications

of voters, unless prohibited by the Constitution from doing so, need not be doubted.

Justice Butler, in delivering the unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, declaring unconstitutional and void the act of the General Assembly of that State, approved December 24th, 1862, "providing a mode of taking the votes in the election of State and other officers, of persons absent from the State as volunteers in the military service of the United States," remarks as follows:

"The Constitution establishes an elective government, and under it there must of necessity be a fixed time, place and manner of holding elections. If these are clearly and sufficiently fixed and prescribed by the Constitution, and nothing is expressly delegated, or by implication left to the Legislature, that body cannot interfere to alter, extend or suspend them, or either of them, in the slightest particular. If they are not thus fixed and prescribed by the Constitution, it is by implication incident to the general legislative power to do it, so that the government may be perpetuated and sustained.

"Our simple inquiry, therefore, is whether the Constitution has so fully and clearly prescribed the time, place and manner of holding elections, or either of them, as to leave by implication no power in the General Assembly to prescribe them, or either of them, in the way and to the extent they have attempted to do, in the act in question.

"In relation to the time, place and manner of holding elections, the Constitutions of the several States differ. In some of them all these are prescribed with that particularity which forbids all action of the Legislature. In others, neither are prescribed, but the qualifications of the voters are fixed, and the power to regulate the time, place and manner, committed to the Legislature; and in such States the reception of votes out of the State may be constitutionally authorized."

This doctrine of the Connecticut Court is sustained, substantially, by all the cases which have met my observation. It seems to me, also, the doctrine of good sense. Taking these

principles as a guide, it will not be difficult, I think, to determine whether the Constitution of Michigan "has so fully and clearly prescribed the time, place and manner of holding elections, as to leave by implication no power in the Legislature to prescribe them, or either of them." It has certainly so prescribed the time. In section 34 of article 4, section 3 of article 5, and section 1 of article 8, the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November, in the year 1852, and of every second year thereafter, is established as the time of holding the general biennial election. And it is clear that every election of State officers and members of the Legislature must be upon that day, and no other, in spite of any legislative enactment whatever.

If the Constitution is equally explicit as to the place and manner of holding the elections, then we may dismiss the discussion at once, and obey the prohibition; but I am confident it will be found otherwise.

That instrument has no where required that the election shall be held in any particular place or number of places, nor in any particular manner. No election districts are established or required to be established, nor are any rules prescribed for the form or extent of such districts. They may be formed of entire counties if the Legislature so choose, unless the requirement that Senators and Representatives shall be elected by single districts affects the question. Neither is the manner of holding the election prescribed, except that the vote shall be by ballot. All these things have been left to the Legislature, unless the concluding words of section 1, article 7, should be held to provide otherwise. This article is headed "*Elections*," and deals entirely with the qualifications and privileges of electors, except that in the second section the vote is required to be given by ballot, "except for such township officers as may be authorized by law to be otherwise chosen." The words of section 1, referred to, are as follows: "But no citizen or inhabitant shall be an elector, or entitled to vote at any election, unless he shall be above the age of twenty-one years, and has

resided in the State three months, and in the township or ward in which he offers to vote ten days next preceding such election." These are fit words to establish the qualifications of voters, but not to control the Legislature as to the places where polls of election shall be established and votes offered and received. They speak directly as to age and residence, and only to those qualifications. All else is incidental and explanatory. The elector must be twenty-one years of age, and he must have had a residence in some place, or any number of places in the State, of three months, and in some particular township or ward ten days next preceding the election at which he offers to vote. Can any greater scope be fairly given to this clause than that. If it was intended to forbid the Legislature from authorizing the reception of a vote in any other place than in the town or ward where the elector resided, it is not conceivable that it should have been left by the convention to a merely casual expression which does not directly either command or forbid anything. The words, no doubt, pre-suppose that the offer to vote will be made in the township or ward in which the elector resides, but they neither require it to be so, nor forbid it to be otherwise.

In the same article, at section 5, this Constitution is at the pains to declare that "no elector shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his being employed in the service of the United States." Did the people, in establishing this Constitution intend, while preserving the residence of the soldier, and consequently his right to vote, at the same time to forbid the Legislature to enact such laws as might enable him to exercise the right? The Constitution, like any other act, must be taken together, as a whole, and have such a reasonable construction as will carry into full and beneficial effect the system of government established by it. The usual and reasonable powers of the Legislature will not be held to be abrogated unless by clear and distinct enactments to that effect.

The government established is in all its branches elective, and the suffrage universal, or nearly so. Great care seems to

have been taken to preserve for all white male citizens, of proper age, the exercise of the right to vote, and I think this manifest intention ought to have great weight in the determination of the present question. Unquestionably the present contingency is one not contemplated by the convention which framed the Constitution, or by the people in adopting it; and there is, on that account, all the more reason for declining to adopt any narrow construction which would make it accomplish what no one at the time designed it should do.

In several of the States laws of the sort proposed have been enacted and put into practical operation without much inconvenience, and with no apparent danger of public injury. In some of these States, with Constitutions similar to our own, the question of the validity of such laws has been before their highest courts, and they have been there sustained. Such, I believe, has been the case in Iowa and Wisconsin.

After giving the subject considerable attention, I do not hesitate to recommend the passage of such a law, by this Legislature, as will enable the soldiers of Michigan, while absent from the State in the service of the United States, to avail themselves of the right which they have never forfeited, to vote in all the State and local elections. It will be only just towards them, and their votes will be dangerous to traitors only.

MILITARY ROAD FROM FORT WILKINS TO GREEN BAY.

Soon after the adjournment of the last session of the Legislature, I received a copy of an act of Congress "granting lands to the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, Keweenaw county, in the State of Michigan, to Fort Howard, Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin."

This act was approved March 8d, 1863, and grants "to the State of Michigan, to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to Houghton, Portage Lake, and thence in a southerly direction to the State line of Wisconsin, every alternate section of public land designated

by even numbers, for three sections in width, on each side of said road." The lands are made subject to the disposal of the Legislature, for the purposes designated, and no other; and the manner of their disposition, together with the width, grade and construction of the road, are particularly prescribed; and that if the road is not completed within five years, the lands shall revert to the United States. One year of the five has already nearly passed without action, and it is important that the necessary legislative action should be had at once. The enterprise is one of great importance to the Lake Superior country, and the grant is quite liberal. I recommend that the grant be accepted on behalf of the State, and the necessary laws enacted to carry it into effect according to its conditions.

SOLDIERS' NATIONAL CEMETERY AT GETTYSBURG.

On the 3d day of July, in the year 1863, was fought at Gettysburg one of the most memorable battles of the war. When we take into account all the circumstances surrounding and attending the campaign which culminated there, it is impossible not to feel that that field is historic and famous forever. The army of the Potomac, the largest and best appointed of the Union armies in the field, had then lately, under the command of Gen. Hooker, crossed the Rappahannock river successfully, in the face of the enemy, and marched to Chancellorsville, with high hopes and the congratulations of the whole country, to offer him battle; but only to return with hopes disappointed, and congratulations turned to doubts and discouragement. The rebel general, the most trusted and skillful of them all, immediately made his preparations to improve the occasion of his great advantage. Collecting with great rapidity the largest and best disciplined army that the Confederacy has ever put in the field, he assumed the offensive. Taking up his line of march straight for the middle States, the wealthiest and most populous portion of the Union, he left the Union army behind him, or merely covering the Capital and the great cities now most seriously menaced with pillage and destruction. His troops, flushed with victory, and meeting with no serious

obstacles to their advance, were already in the midst of Pennsylvania. Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and even New York, are all within his grasp, unless this triumphant march can be interrupted. The great struggle can no longer be delayed. The army of the Potomac, humiliated by partial defeat, less in numbers, but still indomitable in spirit and courage, approached rapidly, and prepared to accept the offered gage of battle. The mightiest of human interests hang upon the issue. The prize to be fought for is the life of the country and the liberties of a whole people, perhaps of mankind, for generations to come. The whole nation looks with troubled anxiety towards that field. If Lee is victorious, where will his march be stayed? Then Hooker is removed and Meade takes the command. The apprehensions of the people are increased. Will he be equal to the occasion? Yes, he will be equal to it; and the nameless heroes under his command will be more than equal to it. They meet in the quiet country village of Gettysburg, and there, in the shock of terrific battle, for three days is the great stake fought for, and won. Won for liberty and the Union. The proud rebels turn and flee back across the Potomac, over the Rappahannock, and beyond the Rapidan. And there, at Gettysburg, was the nation preserved, and the power of the rebellion broken, never to be reconstructed. It may linger yet awhile, and burn, and destroy, and kill, and murder, but its fate is none the less sure.

On that great field of Gettysburg, after the roar of battle had ceased, and the smoke had cleared away, there lay the unburied dead. They were 2,271 in number, exclusive of all such as were removed by friends for burial among their kindred—eight hundred of them were entirely unknown. Of the remainder, one hundred and twelve were from Michigan; and there she stands on that sad roll of honor, the fourth in point of actual numbers, but first in the comparison of the numbers of her slain with the ratio of population. The Governor of Pennsylvania proposed to purchase a portion of the battle-field, a picturesque, beautiful ground, and to establish there "The

Soldiers' National Cemetery, at Gettysburg." The State of Pennsylvania holding the title in trust for all the States having soldiers buried there, each bearing a proper share of the expenses. All the States concurring, this has been done, and the remains of the dead soldiers have been gathered up "tenderly" and buried by States together. And there they rest, who saved their country with their blood.

The accompanying papers will show the details of the plan of the cemetery and the estimates of the expenses. I have ventured to promise that Michigan will not fail to do her proportion with alacrity, and I now recommend that the requisite appropriation may be made, and authority given to appoint an agent to proceed to Gettysburg and direct the proper arrangement and ornamentation of the portion of the grounds which have been set apart for this State. This cemetery will be a Mecca of patriotism as long as the country exists.

Gentlemen of the two Houses, I congratulate you upon the happier auspices under which we re-assemble. We have reason to be thankful not only for bountiful harvests and the material wealth and prosperity which surrounds us, but also for the bright hopes which promise the speedy return of peace to our country.

Unwearied by three years of continued war, the people are still faithful to the free institutions under which we have grown to be great. With unabated courage and ever-increasing confidence, they march steadily forward under the "starry flag" of freedom, "keeping step to the music of the Union." Since our last assembling, the arms of the Republic have been victorious at all points. A just cause has added to our strength the smile of the benignant Heavens. The madness and desperation of rebellion has not been able to maintain its ground. With sullen rage and gnashing of teeth it yields up its most cherished strongholds. The bloody usurper in Richmond, with alternate prayers and curses, calls upon the civilized nations for

help, even for recognition, and calls in vain. There are none so base as to keep him company.

Nor have our victories been those of the field alone. The loyal and true men of the country have crushed and silenced, at the ballot boxes, those more insidious enemies, who, under specious political pretences, plead the cause of the more manly traitors who are, in arms.

The great and necessary measure of emancipation—the measure of justice and God-like charity—has, the past year, won triumphs of no less importance than the greatest military success. The great mistake and wrong of the nation is being put away. We return to our own great and immortal declaration. In spite of scorn, contempt and the pride of caste—of the lust of power and the love of money—of stupid ignorance and intellect without conscience, all men in America will be free. Let us thank God, bind up our wounds and fight on.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE;
Lansing, January 19, 1864. }

The following are the documents accompanying the message:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, March 16, 1863. }

To His Excellency AUSTIN BLAIR,
Governor of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan:

SIR—At the request of J. Q. McKernan, Esq., I herewith transmit to you a certified copy of the “act granting lands to the States of Michigan and Wisconsin to aid in the construction of a military road,” &c., approved March 3, 1863.

I am your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
Department of State.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

I certify, that the annexed act, No. 83, is, as corrected, a true copy of the original on file in this Department.

In testimony whereof, I, William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1863, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

[PUBLIC No. 83.]

AN ACT granting lands to the States of Michigan and Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of a "military road" from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, Keweenaw county, in the State of Michigan, to Fort Howard, Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, granted to the State of Michigan, to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to Houghton, Portage Lake, and thence, in a southerly direction, to the State line of Wisconsin, every alternate section of public land, designated by even numbers, for three sections in width, on each side of said road, and also a like quantity, to be taken and designated in same manner, to the State of Wisconsin, to aid in the construction of a like road from the last-mentioned place on the State line of Wisconsin to Fort Howard, Green Bay, in the said State of Wisconsin. But in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the line or route of said road is definitely fixed, sold any section, or any part thereof, granted as aforesaid, or that the right of preëmption or homestead settlement has attached to the same, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to set apart from the public lands of the United States, as near to said

even sections aforesaid, as may be, so much land as shall be equal to such lands as the United States have sold, or otherwise appropriated, or to which the right of preëmption or homestead settlement has attached; which lands, (thus selected in lieu of those sold, and to which the right of preëmption or homestead settlement has attached as aforesaid,) together with the sections and parts of sections designated by even numbers as aforesaid, and approved as aforesaid, shall be held by the States of Michigan and Wisconsin for the use and purposes aforesaid: *Provided*, That the lands to be selected for and on account thereof shall in no case be further than fifteen miles from said road: *Provided further*, That the lands hereby granted shall be exclusively applied in the construction of that road for and on account of which such lands are hereby granted, and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses, and the same shall be applied to no other purposes whatever: *And provided further*, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in any other manner by competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal improvement, or for any other purposes whatsoever, be and the same are hereby reserved to the United States from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the route of said road through such reserved lands; in which case the right of way only shall be granted.

Section 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said lands hereby granted to the said States shall be subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, and no other; and the said road shall be and remain public highway for the use of the government of the United States, free from tolls or other charge upon the transportation of any property, troops, or mails of the United States.

Section 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted to said States shall be disposed of only in the following manner, that is to say: that a quantity of land, not exceeding thirty sections, for said road, may be sold; and when the

Governors of said States shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that any ten continuous miles of said road are completed, then another quantity of land, hereby granted, not to exceed thirty sections for said road, having ten continuous miles completed as aforesaid, may be sold, and so, from time to time, until the said road is completed; and if said road is not completed within five years, no further sales shall be made, and the lands unsold shall revert to the United States.

Section 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said military road shall be constructed with sufficient drains and ditches, and not less than forty feet in width, with a grade not less than sixteen feet wide, with such graduation and bridges as shall permit of its regular use as a wagon road in all seasons of the year, and in such other special manner as the States of Michigan and Wisconsin may prescribe.

Approved March 3, 1863.

SOLDIERS' NATIONAL CEMETERY AT GETTYSBURG.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 17, 1863.

The Commissioners appointed by the Governors of the different States, which have soldiers buried in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, met at the Jones House, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the 17th of December, 1863.

The following named Commissioners were present, viz:

Hon. B. W. Norris, of Maine.

Hon. L. B. Mason, of New Hampshire.

Mr. Henry Edwards, of Massachusetts.

Mr. Alfred Coit, of Connecticut.

Hon. Levi Scobey, of New Jersey.

Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania.

Col. James Worrall, of Pennsylvania.

Col. John S. Berry, of Maryland.

Mr. L. W. Brown, of Ohio.

Col. Gordon Lofland, of Ohio.

Col. John G. Stephenson, of Indiana.

Mr. W. Y. Selleck, of Wisconsin.

On motion of Col. Lofland, of Ohio, Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania, was elected Chairman of the Convention.

On motion of Col. Stephenson, of Indiana, Mr. W. Y. Selleck, of Wisconsin, was elected Secretary of the Convention.

After some discussion by the members of the Convention, Col. Stephenson, of Indiana, moved that a committee of four, of which the President of this Convention be one, be appointed for the purpose of preparing and putting in appropriate shape the details of the plan in reference to the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., to be presented to the Convention for their action, which was carried. The committee was appointed as follows:

Chairman, Col. John G. Stephenson, of Indiana; Mr. Henry Edwards, of Massachusetts; Hon. Levi Scobey, of New Jersey; Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Alfred Coit, of Connecticut, the Convention took a recess to await the action of the committee.

The Convention met again at 5 o'clock P. M., to hear the report of the committee.

The committee made the following report:

Whereas, In accordance with an invitation from David Wills, Esq., agent for His Excellency, A. G. Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania, the Governors of the several States appointed Commissioners, who met at Harrisburg, December 17th, 1863, to represent the States in Convention, for the purpose of making arrangements for finishing the Soldiers' National Cemetery; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the said Commissioners in Convention assembled, that the following be submitted to the different States interested in the "Soldiers' National Cemetery" through their respective Governors:

First. That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall hold the title to the land which she has purchased at Gettysburg for the Soldiers' National Cemetery, in trust for States having

soldies buried in said Cemetery, in perpetuity for the purpose to which it is now applied.

Second. That the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be requested to create a corporation, to be managed by trustees, one to be appointed by each of the Governors of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and of such other States as may hereafter desire to be represented in this corporation, which Trustees shall, at their first meeting, be divided into three classes. The term of office of the first class to expire on the first day of January, 1865. The second class on the first day of January, 1866. The third class on the first day of January, 1867. The vacancies thus occurring to be filled by the several Governors, and the persons thus appointed to fill such vacancies, to hold their office for the term of three years. This corporation to have exclusive control of the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

Third. The following is the estimated expense of finishing the Cemetery:

Enclosing grounds,	\$15,000 00
Burial expenses and superintending,	6,000 00
Headstones,	10,000 00
Laying out grounds and planting trees,	5,000 00
Lodge,	2,500 00
Monument,	25,000 00
Total,	<u>\$63,500 00</u>

Fourth. That the several States be asked to appropriate a sum of money, to be determined by a division of the estimated expenses according to representation in Congress, to be expended in defraying the cost of removing and re-interring the dead and finishing the cemetery, under directions of the cemetery corporation.

Fifth. When the cemetery shall have been finished, the

grounds are to be kept in order, the house and enclosure in repair, out of a fund created by annual appropriations made by the States which may be represented in the cemetery corporation, in proportion to their representation in Congress.

On motion of Col. Berry, of Maryland, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

It was moved by Col. Berry, of Maryland, that the report of the committee be considered *seriatim*, which was concurred in, and the report was then adopted in detail.

Letters from the Governors of the following States were received by Mr. Wills, Chairman of the Convention, which were not represented by commissioners, expressing their disposition to approve any reasonable action of the Convention in reference to the completion of the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa.; viz:

Hon. Horatio Seymour, of New York; Hon. Austin Blair, of Michigan; Hon. James Y. Smith, of Rhode Island; Hon. Wm. Cannon, of Delaware; Hon. Henry G. Swift, of Minnesota.

On motion of Mr. Scobey, of New Jersey, the following committee was appointed by the Chairman, with the view to procure designs of a monument to be erected in the cemetery:

Hon. Levi Scobey, of New Jersey; Hon. B. W. Morris, of Maine; Mr. D. W. Brown, of Ohio; Col. J. G. Stephenson, of Indiana; Col. John S. Berry, of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Alfred Coit, of Connecticut, the plans and designs of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, as laid out and designed by Mr. Wm. Saunders, were adopted by the Convention.

A motion was made by Mr. Coit, of Connecticut, returning thanks to Mr. Wm. Saunders for the designs and drawings furnished gratuitously for the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa.; which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Brown, of Ohio, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. Saunders be authorized to furnish forty photographs of the plan of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, for the use of the States having soldiers buried therein.

DAVID WILLS, *President*.

W. Y. SELLOCK, *Secretary*.

*Number of Burials made in the National Cemetery, up to Dec.
19, 1863.*

Maine,.....	59
New Hampshire,.....	14
Vermont,.....	28
Massachusetts,.....	154
Rhode Island,.....	9
Connecticut,.....	18
New York,.....	449
New Jersey,.....	85
Pennsylvania,.....	280
Delaware,.....	12
Maryland,.....	16
Virginia,.....	3
Ohio,.....	95
Indiana,.....	62
Illinois,.....	3
Michigan,.....	112
Wisconsin,.....	57
Minnesota,.....	43
U. S. Regulars,.....	72
Unknown,.....	800
Total,.....	<u><u>2,271</u></u>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF MR. BUELL.

Mr. Haze addressed the House as follows :

MR. SPEAKER—It becomes my painful duty to announce to this body the death of my colleague, the Hon. A. W. Buell, of Oakland. One year ago now he was one of our number, occupying his place in this hall. While yet in the discharge of his duties, fell disease marked him for his prey. He sickened in our midst, and that sickness was his last. E'er his life had reached its noontime, he laid him down to die.

Retiring yet social, courteous and gentlemanly, he won the

esteem of all who made his acquaintance. He came among us a stranger to most if not to all ; but, brief as was his sojourn, he left an impression upon the memory of many that time will not efface.

He died in this city March 20th, 1863, away from home and kindred, with one friend only to relieve the kindly offices of strangers, by whom he was surrounded.

And whereas, The mysterious doings of Providence have so untimely removed from our midst one of our number, and from the scenes of active life and domestic endearment one on whom an already stricken family leaned with confidential hope ; therefore,

Resolved, That in testimony of our deep sympathy for the afflicted friends, we do now adjourn.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to transmit a copy of the above preamble and resolution to the family of the deceased.

REMARKS OF MR. T. G. SMITH.

MR. SPEAKER:—In rising to second the resolutions of the Hon. member from Oakland, I cannot let the occasion pass without paying my humble tribute to one who, though modest in his deportment, was nevertheless possessed of those qualities which claimed for him the love and respect of all with whom he was associated. My relations with Mr. A. W. Buell, during the last session of the Legislature, gave me, perhaps, equal, if not superior opportunities, of knowing him, and of becoming acquainted with those qualities, both of the head and heart, in which he was most distinguished.

Mr. Buell, though one of the most quiet and unassuming members of this House—rarely saying anything during its sessions, upon the numerous legislative matters coming before it—yet was perhaps as close and attentive an observer of all its proceedings—examining as thoroughly the nature and consequences of the several bills introduced, before recording his vote upon them—as any other member here. The constitution of his mind, and the previous habits of his life, specially fitted

him for such duties. He was a man of sound judgment, and independent in the exercise of it. Popular zeal could never sway him from what he deemed to be the path of duty.

Though living in another county, his district joined my own. Residing within five miles of me, I had an opportunity to know something of his character and business talents, and of the estimation in which he was held by the community in which he lived. Holly, where he resided, a small but flourishing village on the line of the Detroit and Milwaukie railroad, is, by the universal acknowledgment of its citizens, very largely indebted to the public spirit and enterprising business talents of the late Hon. A. W. Buell, for its present growth and prosperity. If you could have witnessed, as I did, the manifestations of deep sorrow and grief expressed by nearly the whole assembled population of that village, when his lifeless body was conveyed to his late residence, from this city, at the close of the last session of the Legislature, you would join me in saying that he must have been a man worthy of admiration, and whose loss we all must regret.¹ A native of the State of New York, where he spent the earlier years of his life, he removed to this State, and to the village of Holly, about eleven years ago, where he resided at the time of his death. Since that period, with frequent interruptions from sickness, he has been actively engaged in various business pursuits. At the same time a farmer, a merchant and a manufacturer.

Best loved where he was best known—kind and benevolent to the poor—he was without an enemy. Though firm in his views of national policy, and perhaps in the expression of those views, he nevertheless commanded the respect and attachment of his political opponents.

His social qualities were of a high order. It was in the confidence and freedom from restraint of the social circle, that he made fast and enduring friends. It was there that the native goodness and benevolence of his nature shown forth most conspicuously. He was a kind and affectionate father, a good citizen and a true patriot.

I cordially second the resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Friday, January 22, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Burns.

Roll called: quorum present.

Messrs. Bowen, Dixon, John Miller, Aura Smith and Weatherby, appeared and answered to their names.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Messrs. Fowle, McKernan, H. Miller, Pendill, Abram Smith and Toll.

Mr. Howard asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. White, for an indefinite time.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Thomas: petition of P. Kent and 47 others, of the town of Barry, in relation to bounty fund;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Abbott: petition from the town board of Athens, Calhoun county, relative to bounties for volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Parsons: proceedings of the common council of Owosso, relative to the raising of bounties to pay volunteers, and memorial asking that the same be legalized;

Also, copy of proceedings of the township board of the town of Owosso, Shiawassee county, relative to the raising of bounties to pay volunteers, and memorial asking that the same be legalized;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Winans: memorial of B. A. Lombard, Neil O. Hearn and Augustus Reineo, on behalf of the citizens of the township of Green Oak, county of Livingston, setting forth the proceedings of said citizens in voting a tax of two thousand dollars to

be assessed on the property of said township, for the purpose of paying a bounty to volunteers, and asking that the same be legalized;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Spencer: memorial of the town board of the town of Easton, Ionia county, in relation to the payment of bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. T. G. Smith: petition of Jesse Eeles, Geo. Kipp, E. B. Goodrich and 35 others, citizens and tax-payers of the town of Atlas, county of Genesee, praying for the passage of a law to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of such township, to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cobb: petition of William A. Blake, O. F. Burroughs and 174 others, of the town of Comstock, Kalamazoo county, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the supervisor of said town to levy a tax sufficient to pay \$150 to each volunteer of the quota of said town under the call of the President, of October, 1863;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cowan: remonstrance of O. N. Streeter and 90 others, citizens of the township of Windsor, Eaton county, against raising by tax, in said township, moneys to pay the commutation of drafted men;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. A. Smith: memorial of the mayor of the city of Coldwater, in regard to bounty matters;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wilson: petition of A. C. Falsom, Samuel Titus, William Barber, and others, of the township of Arcadia, asking the Legislature to legalize a tax voted by said township;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Allen: petition of the township board of Milan, Monroe

county, for the passage of a law legalizing their action in raising money to pay volunteers;

Also, petition of the citizens of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, for the passage of an act legalizing their action in raising money to pay volunteers, and also that they may be authorized to levy and collect the same immediately;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Deare: memorial and resolutions of the board of supervisors of Wayne county, relative to legalizing the action of said board in issuing bonds to pay bounties, &c.;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Tinham: memorial of the township board, of the township of Redford, in Wayne county, relative to legalizing certain action of said township in regard to bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Dockeray: resolutions of the board of supervisors of Kent county, relative to bounties to veterans;

Also, resolutions of the board of supervisors of Kent county, relative to bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wheeler: memorial of the township of Constantine, in relation to soldiers' bounty;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Congdon: memorial of the township board of Sylvan, Washtenaw county, praying for the legalization of the acts of said township in raising money to pay volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Welch: memorial of the township of Portland, Ionia county, in relation to volunteer bounty fund;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Henry Hayden: memorial of the township board of the town of Aranac, Bay county, praying the Legislature to legalize the action of said board in raising a bounty from said town for volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. H. Hayden: petition of B. B. Hart, C. W. Gibson, A.

Stevens, and others, for a law authorizing the issue of bonds to aid in building a railroad from Bay City to Saginaw;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Erskine: petition of A. Newman, John McAlpin, and 28 others, citizens of Marlet, Sanilac county, asking to have certain acts of a special township meeting, relative to bounties, legalized;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Woodman: petition of Thomas L. Stevens, Ohandler Richards, and 192 others, citizens of the townships of Lafayette, Antwerp, Almena, Waverly, Pine Grove and Bloomingdale, in the county of Van Buren, asking for the passage of a law to enable the said towns to aid in the construction of a railroad from Paw Paw to the Michigan Central railroad;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Slafter: petition of the township board of the township of Denmark, Tuscola county, to authorize them to raise by tax, \$1,000 for bounty purposes;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Slafter: petition of Elijah Thompson and 11 others, of township 15 north, 11 east, in Tuscola county, asking for the organization of a new township;

Referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Thayer: petition of Daniel Sanford and 50 others, in relation to raising money for bounty purposes;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wilson: petition of James McAlister and others, of Huron county, in regard to State roads in said county;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 22, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That of each bill and joint resolution ordered printed, 300 copies be furnished for the use of the members of the Legislature;

Which has passed the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The House concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harmon gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston.

Mr. Thomas offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House cause a copy of the daily journal, during the present session, to be supplied to the township clerks of the several towns in the State;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Deare gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of townships and counties in raising money and issuing bonds to pay bounties to volunteers, and the incidental expenses incurred therewith.

Mr. Erskine offered the following:

Whereas, This House did, on the 20th inst., pass a resolution providing to furnish each Michigan regiment in the field, 250 copies of the Governor's message;

And whereas, A large part of said regiments are composed of Germans, many of whom cannot read or understand the English language; therefore,

Resolved, That there be printed in the German language 500 copies of the Governor's message, and the accompanying documents, to be distributed in said regiments, and 500 copies for the use of the members and officers of this House;

Mr. Woodman moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and accompanying documents;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Howard moved to so amend the resolution as to include 500 in the Holland language;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Mason moved to further amend the resolution so as to provide for printing 500 in the colored language;

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution, as amended, was not adopted.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Whereas, Whole regiments of Michigan troops are almost daily reenlisting in the field;

And whereas, By reason of such reenlistments, the necessity for recruiting to fill the ranks of the Michigan troops in the field is thereby greatly diminished;

And whereas, The War Department, at Washington, has signified its intention of crediting said veterans to the State, in some manner;

And whereas, It was fully expected by those of the veteran regiments now on furlough in this State, that they would receive the local bounties offered by towns and counties to volunteers to fill their respective quotas on the present draft;

And whereas, No order has yet been received whereby the routine of paying local bounties to veterans, and obtaining evidence of credit for them, can be performed;

And whereas, In all probability none will arrive in time to be of benefit to the greater part of the veterans now in the State, in consequence of the quotas of the sub-districts where these local bounties have been, or are still paid, being nearly full;

And whereas, In consequence thereof, but few of those who so freely volunteered in the outset, and who compose what is known as the veteran regiments, ever received, or will receive any local bounties, while new recruits have been abundantly paid from that source; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of the State to pay a liberal bounty to all veteran soldiers who re-enlist in the field.

Resolved, further, That the war department should be requested, through the Governor and military authorities of this State, to credit said veteran soldiers to the State at large;

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The resolution was referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Tinham gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill legalizing the action of the township of Livonia, in Wayne county, in regard to raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Jenison gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize certain acts of the legal electors of the several townships, viz: Victor, Watertown, Westphalia and Eagle, in Clinton county, in raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Rankin, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to secure the elective franchise to the qualified voters, of the army and navy, of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Harmon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Deare, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Wayne county to make a temporary loan for bounty purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Deare, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for raising money, or issuing bonds, by townships, cities or counties, to pay bounties to volunteers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. J. B. Wilson in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

House bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to amend section seventeen, of an act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same," approved March 13th, A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18th, 1862, approved March 20th, 1863,

Have made no amendment thereto, and report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

The committee have also had under consideration,

House bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

J. B. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Sweezey,

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The amendments made to the second named bill were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put on its final passage.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The reading of the bill *in extenso*, was dispensed with.

The bill, being House bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863,

Was read a third time, and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Piper,
Aldrich,	Gaylord,	Porter,
Allen,	Green,	Rankin,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Betts,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	Spencer,
Bowen,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Burt,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Combs,	Hood,	Sweezey,
Congdon,	Howard,	Thayer,
Cook,	Jenison,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Lettiejohn,	Warner,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Deare,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Denman,	Mallory,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	Mason,	Williams,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Dow,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,

Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Freeman,

John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Mr. Thomas,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Mason in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

A bill to repeal chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

L. M. MASON, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the bill, in gross, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Saturday, January 28, 1944.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tilley.

Roll called: quorum present.

Messrs. Fowle and Abram Smith appeared and answered to their names.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Messrs. Harmon, McKernan, H. Miller, Pendill, G. A. Smith and Toll.

Mr. Winans asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Harmon, for an indefinite time.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Barnes: memorial from the township board of the township of Williamston, in the county of Ingham, in regard to bounties to volunteers, and asking legalization of certain acts of said township respecting the same;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. John Miller: petition of R. J. Wright and 78 other electors of the township of Port Huron, St. Clair county, asking for a law authorizing some loyal persons other than the township board, to issue the bonds of said township to aid them in raising money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Also, copy of proceedings of the township board of Port Huron, St. Clair county, relative to raising money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. H. Hayden: resolutions of the board of supervisors of Bay county, asking for the passage of a law authorizing the issue of bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. H. Hayden: resolutions of the board of supervisors of Bay county, relative to bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Crego: petition of L. N. Rich, M. L. Ray and other

citizens of the town of Concord, in the county of Jackson, in relation to bounties in said township;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the subject of the Governor's message as relates to the exercise of the right of suffrage in our elections by our soldiers in the military service of the United States, and to whom was referred

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws;

Also,

A bill to secure the elective franchise to the qualified voters in the army and navy from the State of Michigan,

And who, by the concurrent resolution of both Houses of this Legislature, were authorized to act with a like committee of the Senate as a joint committee, and who by such concurrent resolution were instructed to report bills upon the subjects so referred, respectfully report that a majority of your committee, in conjunction with a majority of the committee of the Senate, to whom the same subject was referred, after mature deliberation, have prepared a bill as a substitute for the bills so referred, which said bill so prepared and agreed upon by a majority of the joint committee and of both committees, is to be this day reported to the Senate; and your committee herewith report back to the House the aforesaid bills, referred as aforesaid, recommending that they do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. TITUS PARSONS, *Ch'n*,

T. W. LOCKWOOD,

T. G. SMITH,

A. S. GAYLORD.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Hemingway moved that the bill, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws,

Be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, the bill entitled

A bill to secure the elective franchise to the qualified voters in the army and navy from the State of Michigan,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Hemingway gave notice that he desired to make a minority report on the subject.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred so much of the special message of the Governor as relates to the subject of amendments to the charter of the city of Detroit, together with

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5th, 1857,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the bill back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred so much of the special message of the Governor as relates to the subject of a law to enable counties, townships and

cities to pledge their credit and issue bonds to aid in the construction of certain railroads, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, together with the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to authorize counties, cities and townships to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of railroads,

And recommend that the bill do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 22, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be requested to forward two hundred and fifty copies of the Governor's message to each regiment, and fifty copies to each battery, of the Michigan volunteers now stationed in other States,

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That five thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed and delivered to the Adjutant General of this State, for distribution amongst the Michigan regiments and batteries in the field;

In the adoption of which substitute the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Homingway,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTIONS.

Mr. Cook gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill legalizing the action of the several townships in Calhoun county, in regard to raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Hodgkinson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the township boards of the townships of Canton and Plymouth, in the county of Wayne, in reference to raising money to pay bounties to volunteers.

Mr. Erskine gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to county and township bounties in Sanilac county;

Also,

A bill to legalize the tax roll in the township of Sanilac, and to extend the time for the collection thereof.

Mr. Keeney gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the citizens of the township of Erie, in Monroe county, to raise money, by tax, to pay bounties to volunteers.

Mr. Welch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Lyons, Ionia county, for the year 1863.

Mr. Williams offered the following:

Resolved, That each member of the House be allowed five dollars for stationery during the present session;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Tingham gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill legalizing the action of the townships of Bedford and

Dearborn, in the county of Wayne, in regard to raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Hemingway gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors, and of the electors of the several townships of the county of Lapeer.

Mr. Wilson offered the following:

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the Governor's message be printed in the German language, for the use of the German soldiers now in the military service of the United States, from this State.

Mr. Wilson demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Betts,
Bowen,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crego,
Dixon,
Dockerau,
Dow,
Erskine,

Mr. Fellows,
Haze,
Luther,
Piper,
Rankin,
Read,
Slafter,
Sprague,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,

Mr. Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Congdon,
Crane,
Deare,
Denman,
Eldredge,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,

Mr. John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Porter,
Raymond,
Spencer,
Abram Smith,
Stewart,
Tinharn,
Voorhies,

Fifield,	Littlejohn,	Warner,	
Fitch,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,	
Fowle,	Mallory,	Winans,	
Freeman,	Mason,	Wight,	
Gargett,	McMartin,	Woodman,	
Gaylord,	J. C. Miller,		53

Mr. Winans, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Aura Smith, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the city of Coldwater to provide bounties for volunteers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. H. C. Morton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the electors of the township of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, and to provide for issuing the orders of said township to pay such amount of volunteer bounty, as was authorized by such electors, at a special meeting held in the month of December, 1863, to be paid to recruits enlisting under the last call of the President of the United States for 300,000 men.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to amend section seventeen, of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13th, A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18th, 1862, approved March 20th, 1863,

Was read a third time, and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Gaylord,	Raymond,
Barnes,	Green,	Read,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Slafter,
Betts,	Griswold,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	Sprague,
Bowen,	Henry Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	Aura Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Combs,	Hood,	Sweezy,
Congdon,	Howard,	Thayer,
Cook,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Crego,	Luther,	Welch,
Denman,	Mallory,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	McMartin,	Wheeler,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Dow,	John Miller,	Wilson,
Eldredge,	E. G. Morton,	Winans,
Erskine,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Fellows,	Mosher,	Wight,
Fifield,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Fowle,	Porter,	Speaker,
Freeman,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 3, entitled:

A bill to repeal chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Porter,
Allen,	Green,	Rankin,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Griswold,	Read,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Slaffter,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,
Bowen,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	Abram Smith,
Combes,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Cook,	Hood,	Sweezey,
Cowan,	Howard,	Thayer,
Crane,	Jenison,	Tinham,
Crego,	Keeney,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Littlejohn,	Warner,
Denman,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Dixon,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Mallery,	Wheeler,
Dow,	Mason,	Williams,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Winans,
Fellows,	John Miller,	Winsor,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Parsons,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Piper,	Speaker,
Gargett,		

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Mr. J. C. Miller,	Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Wilson,	3
Title agreed to.			

Mr. Gaylord moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members elect not voting therefor.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Crego in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

House bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

R. J. OREGO, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The amendments made to the bill were concurred in, *in gross*, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF MR. PRATT.

Mr. Abbott addressed the House as follows:

MR. SPEAKER:—With a proper respect for public feeling, and a sympathy for our common humanity, I arise to announce to this honorable body the death of one of its members, the Hon. Abner Pratt, of Calhoun, who died at Marshall immediately after the close of our last session.

Judge Pratt was well known and honorably mentioned in our State, as an efficient lawyer, an able judge, and a legislator of undoubted ability.

The positions of honor and trust conferred upon him by the people of this State, as well as those conferred by the Government of the United States, constrain us to render him our homage of respect and esteem. I, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we tender to the family and friends of the deceased, our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to the memory of the honored dead, we do now adjourn.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions, &c., to the family of the deceased.

REMARKS OF MR. E. C. MORTON.

MR. SPEAKER:—Seldom does a year pass away on the tide of time, after the adjournment of a Legislature, without the announcement in the journals of the day, that such and such members are no more. Three members of this House, and two of the Senate, have been called from this life since we assembled here in January, 1863. We need not regret it. Death is the common lot of all. The lesson it teaches us, as individuals, is that we too should be ready to look calmly into the narrow chamber of the grave, and to enter it as a necessary step in our pilgrimage to that world whose joys and glories are undimmed and eternal. As legislators, our business here is rather to preserve national life—the liberties, energies, industry and intelligence which make a people prosperous, happy and safe. The dead are alike indifferent to our censure or praise. We remember them as they were in life, and in view of the many imperfections so common to the wisest and best of our race, we should cherish in our memories only their better qualities, which live for good after the soul has departed to the spirit world.

Of the Hon. Abner Pratt, whose death is now announced to this House, it is unnecessary, perhaps unbecoming for me, comparatively a stranger, to speak, further than to say that his more intimate acquaintances, his immediate neighbors, are best qualified to pronounce his eulogy; and it was among them, sir, that he found his warmest and firmest friends and admirers. They felt and appreciated in him those traits of character which belong only to a generous and noble nature, a frank and fearless spirit, a kind and sympathizing heart. The cordial welcome extended to him on his return from his labors here at the last session, evinced the strong hold he had upon the affections of his constituents, without regard to partizan ties and bias. Such testimony, sir, from those who walked with him daily in life, and knew him best, is honorable to his memory as a neighbor, a citizen and a man.

But Abner Pratt was distinguished not merely for his social

qualities as a friend, neighbor and man, but for the integrity, ability and patriotism which marked his history in official life, and more particularly was he known and honored as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan, in which capacity, as well as a Circuit Judge and Prosecuting Attorney, he commanded the respect and confidence of the community, and of the best legal talent of the State.

With his career as a legislator we are familiar. We know he was a devoted lover of his country—that he was fearless and independent in the avowal of his sentiments. If, in times of excitement, he appeared to exhibit a harsh nature, we all know that he really possessed a kind and benevolent heart.

Death, sir, is a great and useful teacher. He touches us one by one, and our bodies are cold, rigid and lifeless. The spirit is gone. How the sight rebukes human ambition, human pride, human resentment, and how readily in such an hour we are humbled before our God—how readily we can drop the tear of forgiveness over the grave as we hope to be forgiven. If we could not do so, sir, we could have no interest or hope in Him who, in the agonies of death, full of compassion for poor, frail humanity, and animated with the love and philanthropy of Heaven, prayed, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

I cheerfully second the resolutions of the Honorable member from Calhoun.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Monday, January 25, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armstrong.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. McKernan appeared and answered to his name.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Howard: petition of H. H. Parks, prosecuting attorney, and the resolution of the board of supervisors of Ottawa county, asking the passage of a law to legalize the action of said board and of the townships of said county, in relation to volunteers;

Also, the petition of J. G. Van Has and 107 others, citizens of the township of Zealand, Ottawa county, asking to have a law passed to legalize the proceedings of the said township, and to authorize the issue of bonds for volunteer purposes;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Barnes: petition of John Ferguson and 90 others, citizens of Delhi, in the county of Ingham, praying for authority to pay town bounties;

Also, memorial of the township board of the town of White Oak, containing the proceedings of a town meeting, in regard to bounties, and asking that their action may be legalized;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cobb: petition, also statement of a vote taken in Kalamazoo for a war loan;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Slafter: petition of J. W. Spencer, Joseph Morrison and 30 others, of the township of Indian Fields, Tuscola county, asking that the action of said township in raising money for volunteer purposes may be legalized;

Also, petition of A. B. Clark and 20 others, of the township of Dayton, Tuscola county, praying that the action of said township in raising money for volunteer purposes be legalized;

Also, memorial of G. W. Gilmore and 15 others, of the township of Fremont, Tuscola county, relative to raising money for volunteer purposes;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Hood: memorial of the township board of the township of London, Monroe county, in regard to bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations of the House, acting with the committees on finance and State affairs of the Senate, under a concurrent resolution, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the soldiers' national cemetery, have considered the same, and have agreed upon a report, which was presented in the Senate, and is printed in the journal of the 22d inst., and to which the House is respectfully referred.

WM. WHEELER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred so much of the message of the Governor as relates to the subject of legalizing bonds, issued by towns and counties for the payment of bounties to volunteers, together with sundry petitions and bills relative to the same subject, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and a majority thereof have directed me to report, in lieu of any of said bills, the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers,

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

WM. WARNER,

By order of a Majority of said Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred so much of the message of the Governor as relates to the subject of raising money for the payment of bounties to volunteers, respectfully report that they have had the same under con-

sideration, and a majority thereof have directed me to report to the House the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863,

And recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. WARNER,

By order of a Majority of said Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the minority of the committee on the judiciary:

The minority of the judiciary committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to soldiers voting; also,

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws;

Also,

A bill to secure the elective franchise to the qualified voters of the army and navy of the State of Michigan,

Have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that they recommend that the first above named bill do pass, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject; and in making this recommendation, it may be proper to assign some of the reasons for doing so: First, it is but an act of justice to those who have gone into the service of the country to fight its battles, defend its constitution and laws, and crush out the most wicked, causeless and unholy rebellion that ever existed on the face of the earth; and if taking up arms in defence of our country is to deprive one of the right held most sacred by all freemen, the right of

suffrage, it will do more to deter our brave men and veterans now in the field from re-enlisting than any other one cause, and also deter our men now at home from replenishing the depleted ranks of our regiments now in the field. This alone would be a sufficient reason for me to vote for the bill if no other could be offered. But it is said by some that this Legislature has no power to pass such a law for the reason that the same is prohibited by the constitution. If that is so the undersigned has been unable to see it in that light. In a republican government all power is vested in the people, and the power to make constitutions also rests with them, and the legislature is the representative of the people, and everything that the people might do may be done by the legislature if not restrained by the constitution. That part of the constitution which relates to this subject reads as follows: "No citizen or inhabitant shall be an elector, or entitled to vote at any election, unless he shall be above the age of twenty-one years, and has resided in this State three months, and in the *township or ward in which he offers to vote ten days* next preceding such election." No one will pretend that a soldier, by reason of his enlistment and service in the army or navy, loses or gains a residence, but that his residence is the same as if he had not left his home. This is expressly so declared by the constitution itself. Now if this be so, what is to hinder the soldier from voting wherever he may be, if the Legislature see fit so to direct, unless the clause of the constitution above quoted directly or by implication prohibits it. That clause speaks directly as to the age and residence of the voter. The place of voting, or where the election shall be held, is not mentioned or even intimated. Suppose that some township of this State should be infested with some contagious disease, or become inundated by the sudden rise of water, so that all the inhabitants of such township had to flee to some other place for a temporary residence; and suppose this should happen about the time of some one of our elections, does any one presume to say that the Legislature has no power to say that the people of such township may hold an election for the

township from which they have been driven, by the elements or disease, in some adjoining or even distant place where they might be assembled? The idea that such persons shall be disfranchised is preposterous in the extreme, and has not the slightest foundation in fact. Great stress is placed upon the words, "*in the township or ward in which he offers to vote,*" by the opponents of this measure; but such persons do not look at the connection that these words have with the rest of the sentence, and if they will look at the same closely, they will see that by no sort of inference can it be construed to have any reference to the place of holding the election, and only to the age and residence of the voter, as before said. There is no doubt with the undersigned but that a person can vote in the township in which he has a residence, while in some other place, provided the ballot box and proper officers of his township were removed to him. All State constitutions, in governments like ours, unlike that of the United States, is restraining, while that of the latter is a granting power. While Congress can do nothing only what is granted in express, or implied terms, given by the constitution of the United States, a State Legislature can do anything within the legislative scope not inhibited by the State constitution. If this reasoning, then, be correct, there can be no doubt but that we have full power to pass the proposed law. The Supreme Court of Iowa have passed upon a law almost like the one before us, and have decided the same to be constitutional, and in rendering their opinion, they speak expressly of the constitution of Michigan and some other States, and say they have no clause prohibiting the passage of such laws.

And beside all the above, we have several precedents that will, or at least should have some weight on our action. The Legislature of this State has, on several occasions, passed laws by which certain townships might hold their elections without the bounds of the township. The Legislature of 1861 passed three such laws, by which they allowed the townships of Ann Arbor, Pontiac and Coldwater to hold elections within the

several cities of the same name; and in 1859, Lansing and Saginaw, and in 1857, in relation to Port Huron. These several laws were passed by an almost unanimous vote, and sometimes entirely so; and if those laws are all unconstitutional, some of the members on this floor, and in the Senate, may, perhaps, hold their seats by very doubtful tenure.

There is another objection to this law raised by some, that is, "*it allows soldiers to vote*, and in so doing will run the government into a military despotism, and that some military despot will be placed at the head of our government." This, to me, is a mere pretext to get up some opposition to the bill without any cause, and has no good foundation. The volunteer soldiers of this country are from the mass of the people, and are educated; many of them are graduates of our best schools and colleges, and are educated in all the principles of a free and republican government, and are as familiar with the principles of our institutions and government as any of us who stay at home, and nothing need be feared from such intelligence, as it is the greatest terror to despotism, and as long as our soldiers are allowed the privilege to read and understand what is going on in the world around them, nothing need be feared from them in this regard if they are allowed the privilege to vote for the officers of this government.

And there are many, also, in the army of the United States that are of foreign birth, and have fled to this country to enjoy that freedom and liberty that was not to be had in the country of their birth, and which is held out by this country to the oppressed of every nation; and such men would not be very likely to countenance the remotest idea of a despotism. The masses of the people of this country, whether in or out of the army, know far too well how to prize the blessings of liberty and the institutions of a free and republican government; they are educated to the principles of liberty from their earliest existence to the end of life. Liberty is the song of childhood, the story of youth, the dream of manhood, and the vision of old age; in fact, it is interwoven through their entire existence;

they are taught that it was for these principles that our fathers fought for seven long years; and as long as we continue to thus educate our people to these doctrines, none need fear if they are allowed to vote, either in or out of the army.

The majority of the committee have seen fit to report a bill somewhat different in its features to the one herein recommended. The bill here recommended sends the ballot box to the soldiers in the field, and they hold an election and vote in the town or ward in which they have residence, and the votes are canvassed the same as other votes, and sent home to be counted for the different candidates for which they may choose to vote. The process is simple and easy of comprehension, will more fully effect the object of letting all vote who desire so to do. It is more in accordance with the principles of conducting our elections at home, and better understood; almost every soldier now in the army of the United States is qualified to act as an inspector of election, and are familiar with all the workings of the law.

The bill reported by the majority of the committee has every soldier appoint an agent or proxy to vote for him, to whom he sends his authority, and also his ticket, to be voted for him, and in every case it makes an inconvenient amount of writing for each soldier to execute, and then trust to the uncertainty of the mails to get it to the ballot box. The whole system is new and untried and will have to be learned; and if adopted, many will not vote that desire so to do, and many who do so, will do it so informal that their votes will not be counted in the canvass. If the Legislature see fit to adopt either of the bills, or any other that will effect the object, the undersigned will concur with them, as it is deemed by him a measure of great importance, and the people, and especially the soldiers, expect it, and demand that we do not withhold from them this one of their rights.

The undersigned would therefore say that he can see no good reason why the bill should not pass, and while the soldier is using the weapon of death to destroy the traitors and

put down treason in front, let him use that other weapon of peace, the ballot, and in so doing, will wipe out the last vestige of treason and rebel sympathy that lurks in the rear, and spirit of the immortal declaration, "that all men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," will be firmly established in the nation forever.

WM. HEMINGWAY.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Mason moved that 20,000 copies of the report be printed in pamphlet form;

Which motion did not prevail.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 23, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 23, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to provide for the preparation of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

Was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. T. G. Smith gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of the township of Atlas, Genesee county, to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States.

Mr. Green gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for collecting the taxes of 1863, in the township of Hudson.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on State affairs, be and are hereby instructed to inquire into, and report upon the necessity for amendments to the volunteer family relief law, so as to provide for the relief of the families of those volunteers who have been credited to counties other than those in which their families reside;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Jenison gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the tax roll in the township of Dallas, Clinton county, and extend the time for the collection thereof, for the year 1863.

Mr. Erskine, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of the taxes therein;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the several townships in any of the counties on the line of the proposed railroad, of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad company, to aid in the construction of said railroad;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs,

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Mason moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on State affairs;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Read in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

House bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to authorize counties, cities and townships to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of railroads;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Hemingway moved to recommit the bill to the committee on banks and incorporations;

Mr. E. G. Morton moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Mr. Orego demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Fowle,	Mr. H. C. Morton,
Allen,	Green,	Mosher,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Piper,
Betts,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Bowen,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Clark,	Haze,	Spencer,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Sprague,
Congdon,	Howard,	T. G. Smith,
Crane,	Keeney,	Abram Smith,
Deafe,	Littlejohn,	Aura Smith,
Dixon,	Luther,	Thayer,
Dockeray,	Mason,	Tinham,
Eldredge,	McMartin,	Voorhies,
Fifield,	J. O. Miller,	Welch,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Speaker, 45

NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. H. A. Hayden,	Mr. Sweezey,
Barnes,	Henry Hayden,	Thomas,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Warner,
Cook,	Hood,	Weatherby,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Wheeler,
Orego,	Lockwood,	Williams,

Dow,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

Mallery,
J. Miller,
Porter,
Rankin,
Read,
Stewart,

Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth, 85

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Tuesday, January 26, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Meyer.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Barnes: petition of W. H. Daws and 64 others, citizens of LeRoy, Ingham county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize said township to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Littlejohn: petition of the county officers of the county of Allegan, and 10 others, asking to have the time extended for the collection of taxes in the county of Allegan;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Deare: memorial of the board of supervisors of Wayne county, in relation to the assumption by the General Government, of the indebtedness of said county, made on account of the war;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. T. G. Smith: petition of Daniel Smith, J. R. Mason, Wm. P. Guest, and 55 others, citizens of the town of Fenton, Genesee county, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the township board of said town to issue bonds for the payment of bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Denman: petition of Daniel Blish and 40 others, citi-

sens of the township of Silver Creek, Cass county, in relation to bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. H. A. Hayden: petition of A. A. Kellogg, T. M. Barber and 86 others, citizens of the township of Leoni, Jackson county, praying for a law legalizing the issue of bonds by said township to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Buckley: petition of Charles Austin, John O. Wild and 58 others, in the township of Bedford, Calhoun county, asking the passage of a law that will enable the township officers to assess on the taxable property of said township a sufficient amount of money to pay volunteers;

On motion of Mr. Abbott,

The petition was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution relative to B. H. Hill, acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of this State, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and report thereon, as follows:

Your committee are convinced by the testimony of several gentlemen, members of this House, that the conduct and deportment of Lieut. Col. Hill, in his official capacity, has been, on many occasions, insolent, overbearing and arbitrary, to an intolerable degree, toward citizens of this State, who have had occasion to transact business at his office, and that in this respect he is wholly unfit to fill his said office.

Citizens of this State, acting as committees in behalf of their respective localities, applying at his office for information most important to the recruiting service, and to which they were fairly entitled, have been repeatedly denied such information in a harsh and brutal manner; and have, in more than one instance,

found the doors of his office closed against them, without any reason assigned therefor.

Your committee are of the opinion that such conduct should not be tolerated from any official, and that the further retention of Lient. Col. Hill in his said office, will be a serious injury to the recruiting service in this State.

The language of the resolution referred to your committee would seem to imply that the fact that Col. Hill was not a resident of this State at the time of his appointment to said office, is ground for complaint, and, perhaps, cause for his removal. With this view your committee do not concur, and have therefore instructed the undersigned to report back the following resolution as a substitute for the one so referred, and recommend its adoption, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Whereas, B. H. Hill, acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of this State, has, by his arbitrary and insolent deportment towards those having business to transact at his office, rendered himself so odious to the people of this State, that his longer continuance in office would seriously impair the recruiting service in this State, and be too gross an outrage to be tolerated; therefore,

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to make an earnest effort to secure the early removal of the said B. H. Hill from said office.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to Provost Marshal General Fry.

WM. WHEELER, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee.

Mr. Hemingway moved that the concurrent resolution be re-

ferred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Mason moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion to refer the resolution to the committee of the whole prevailed.

By the committee on elections:

The committee on elections, to whom was referred

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the parity of elections, and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859,

Would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have made certain amendments to such bill, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, together with such amendments, and ask the concurrence of the House therein, and recommend that the same when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. G. SMITH, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was recommitted

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GILBERT E. READ, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill, being House bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs,

Having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage,

It was passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
Mason,
McKernan,
McMartin,
J. C. Miller,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,

Mr. Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker, 81

NAYS.

Mr. Bentley,
Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Whole regiments of Michigan troops are almost daily reenlisting in the field;

And whereas, By reason of such reenlistments, the necessity for recruiting, to fill the ranks of the Michigan troops in the field, is thereby greatly diminished;

And whereas, The War Department at Washington, has signified its intention of crediting said veterans to the State, in some manner;

And whereas, It was fully expected by those of the veteran regiments now on furlough in this State, that they would receive the local bounties offered by towns and counties, to volunteers, to fill their respective quotas on the present draft;

And whereas, No order has yet been received, whereby the routine of paying local bounties to veterans, and obtaining evidence of credit for them, can be performed;

And whereas, In all probability none will arrive, in time to be of benefit to the greater part of the veterans now in the State, in consequence of the quotas of the sub-districts where these local bounties have been, or are still paid, being nearly full;

And whereas In consequence thereof, but few of those who so freely volunteered in the outset, and who compose what is known as the veteran regiments, ever received, or will receive any local bounties, while new recruits have been abundantly paid from that source; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of the State to pay a liberal bounty to all veteran soldiers who reenlist in the field;

Resolved further, That the War Department should be requested, through the Governor and military authorities of this State, to credit said veteran soldiers to the State at large,

Have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the veteran soldiers who reenlist into the military service of the United States receive bounties as follows:

From the United States, four hundred dollars;

From the State of Michigan, fifty dollars, and such local bounties as they may be able to obtain, which vary from one to two hundred dollars, making, in the aggregate, not less than five hundred and fifty dollars, a sum, in the opinion of the committee, quite as large as prudence and sound policy would seem to justify.

The committee are also informed that the Provost Marshal General of the United States, has informed the military authorities of this State, that veteran soldiers who reenlist into the national service, will be credited to the localities where they resided at the time they first entered the military service of the United States, provided they are paid bounties in such localities, otherwise, they will be at liberty to receive bounties and be credited to any locality they may choose, a fact in itself sufficient to do away with any necessity for an increased State bounty, as it would in no wise remedy the evil of one locality bidding against another.

The committee have, therefore, instructed me to report the preamble and resolutions back to the House, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The resolution was laid on the table.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and any one or more townships of Calhoun county, and the township of Hastings, and any one or more other townships in Barry county, to pledge their credit, or to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid

in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek to the village of Hastings, and to subscribe to the stock of a company now, or hereafter to be organized, for the purpose of constructing and operating a railroad between said city of Battle Creek and village of Hastings;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

As a substitute therefor, and recommend that the bill so substituted do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWERZEY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill

when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize Bay county to issue and loan its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bay City to East Saginaw,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the several counties, cities, townships and incorporated villages on the line of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, to pledge their credit, issue their bonds and borrow money to aid in the construction of said road,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so

amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the several townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties to subscribe stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad companies,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

By the select committee on the military road in the Upper Peninsula:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the military road in the Upper Peninsula, respectfully report that they have considered the subject jointly with the two committees of the Senate to whom

the same subject was referred, and have jointly agreed upon the accompanying bill, entitled

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same,

Which the undersigned is instructed to report to this House, and which the committee recommend do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. W. LOCKWOOD,

Chairman of Special Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be authorized to cause ——— extra copies of the census returns and statistics for 1864 to be published in cheap book form, for distribution to township and school district libraries and the several State libraries.

Laid on the table for one day under the rules.

Mr. Littlejohn gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Allegan county.

Mr. Parsons gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize certain bonds issued by the township of New Haven, in the county of Shiawassee, for the purpose of raising money to pay volunteers.

Mr. Hemingway moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of House bill No. 5, entitled



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A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Eldredge gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize and authorize the issuing of certain bonds, and other evidences of debt, by the county of Macomb and the various townships in said county.

Mr. Howard gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the proceedings of the board of supervisors of the county of Ottawa, and the townships of said county, and to authorize them to issue bonds for volunteer purposes.

Mr. Welch gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to improve the navigation of Grand river from the city of Grand Rapids, in Kent county, to the city of Lansing, in Ingham county.

Mr. Hemingway moved that House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws,

Be taken from the general order, and made the special order for Thursday morning next, at 10½ o'clock;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Allen moved to reconsider the vote whereby House bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to authorize counties, cities and townships to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of railroads,

Was indefinitely postponed;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crego, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Barry and Kent, and the cities and townships of such counties, the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. T. G. Smith, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill authorizing the township of Atlas, Genesee county, to raise money by tax to refund bounties to volunteers, paid, advanced or pledged by the inhabitants of said township for volunteers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Jenison, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Dallas, in Clinton county, for the year 1863, and extend the time for the collection of the taxes of said township.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Woodman, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, and certain other townships in said county, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or to some other point on the Michigan Central railroad.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Mr. E. G. Morton in the chair.

After some time spent therein; the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

1. A bill to provide for the preparation of the soldiers' national cemetery, at Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania,

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

The committee have also had under consideration the following entitled bills:

2. A bill to amend an act entitled "an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit," approved February 5, 1857;

3. A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

E. G. MORTON, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The amendments made to the second and third named bills were concurred in, *in gross*, and the bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 26, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to authorize the township of South Haven, in Van Buren county, and other townships in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, to make loans, and levy taxes for the construction and improvement of the harbor at the mouth of South Black River, in said township of South Haven;

2. A bill to authorize the county of Bay to issue its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bay City to East Saginaw,

Which have passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

Was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Barnes moved to take from the order of third reading House bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By unanimous consent, the committee on banks and incorporations, submitted the following report;

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was recommitted

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Winans,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Sweezy in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled concurrent resolution:

Concurrent resolution in regard to B. H. Hill, acting Assistant Provost Marshal General,

Have made no amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Sweezy,

The rules were suspended, and the House took up the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to provide for the preparation of the Soldiers' national cemetery at Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania,

Was read a third time and passed; a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,

Mr. Freeman,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,

Mr. Parsons,
Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Spencer,
Sprague,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Aara Smith,
Stewart,

Combes,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Duckeraŷ,
Dow,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,

Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
Mason,
McKernan,
McMartin,
J. O. Miller,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Merton,
Mosher,

Sweeney,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorhies,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 9, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5th, 1857,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,

Mr. Gaylord,
Grinnell,
Grusebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
Mason,

Mr. Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Spencer,
Sprague,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweeney,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorhies,
Welch,
Weatherby,

Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

McKernan,
McMartin,
J. O. Miller,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. O. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
Mason,
McKernan,
McMartin,
J. G. Miller,
John Miller,

Mr. Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinharn,
Voorhies,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,

Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Spencer,

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Mr. Hemingway,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sweezy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 26, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to repeal chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same as follows:

1st. In section 3, line 2, by striking out the words "in section 46," and inserting the word "hereinafter," between the words "as" and "provided."

2d. In section 6, line 1, by striking out the word "officer," and inserting the word "court" in lieu thereof.

3d. In section 19, line 2, by inserting the word "if," before the word "not," at the commencement of said line, and by inserting the word "then," after the word "served."

4th. In section 20, line 1, by inserting, after the word "complaint," the words "unless on cause shown, further time shall be allowed by the circuit judge or circuit court commissioner of the proper county."

5th. In section 44, line 6, by striking out the word "proceedings," and inserting the word "proceeds," in lieu thereof;

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbot,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Piper,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Raymond,
Barnes,	Halmon,	Read,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Abram Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Stewart,
Combs,	Howard,	Sweezey,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cook,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Voorhies,
Crego,	Luther,	Welch,
Deare,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Denman,	Mason,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Williams,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Eldredge,	J. O. Miller,	Winans,
Fellows,	John Miller,	Winsor,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Woodman,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	Woodwoorth,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Speaker,
Gaylord,	Parsons,	

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF MR. SHERMAN.

Mr. McKernan addressed the House as follows:

MR. SPEAKER:—Proper respect for departed worth, as well as common usage, makes it my sad duty to announce to this

House, the death of the Hon. Abner Sherman, a member of this body from Ontonagon county, who unfortunately lost his life on the 28th of September last, by one of those sad and melancholy accidents which but too often occur. He was on a journey from the village of Ontonagon to Houghton, on board the steamer Sunbeam, in company with his son, a bright youth of tender years, and the Hon. Augustus Coburn, who went down to rise no more in this life.

When about 40 miles from Ontonagon, a tremendous gale blowing from the north, the sea rising rapidly, and the boat being light, soon became unmanageable, and, struggling for a time, finally sunk with all on board, save the wheelman, who alone was spared to tell the sad tale.

The lamented deceased was a native of the State of New York, though for a long period he has been a resident of this State, most of that time in that country surrounding the great waters that now encircle his mortal remains. He was about 56 years of age, yet still in the full vigor of his manhood. He was one of the first settlers of the Upper Peninsula, enduring all the privations and hardships of a frontier life. A man of active temperament, he took an energetic part in promoting the general welfare of the community.

In 1852, he was chosen as our first Representative from the district composed of Houghton and Ontonagon counties. He was reelected to the same office in 1854 and 1856, and again in 1862, as a Representative from Ontonagon county, which position his constituents deemed him but too well qualified to fill. His great perseverance led him to overcome every obstacle in the way of carrying out those projects which he was always foremost to advocate for the benefit and development of the Upper Peninsula, to which he was very strongly attached.

To his efforts we are indebted for the most of our general legislation for that region. As a legislator he was eminently successful in forwarding and developing the vast resources and interests in that section of the country. As a friend he was warm-hearted and generous, even to a fault, deeply mourned

and regretted by his constituents, an irreparable loss to his wife and children, a warning to all of the uncertainty of life.

And here it may not be improper to make mention of his friend and co-laborer, who perished with him; I mean the Hon. Augustus Coburn. He, too, was an early settler of the same district, one of its most able and enterprising citizens, and like Mr. Sherman, devoted much of his time to the promotion of the general welfare and prosperity of that region. Elected one of the Presidential electors of this State, in 1860, he cast his vote for Mr. Lincoln. During his life he held many public offices of honor and trust, and was in every way qualified to hold any within the gift of the people. Although politically opposed to each other, they were intimate friends, and worked together for the accomplishment of all important public measures, thereby uniting all classes in one, making opposition useless.

They were both equally firm friends of the public schools, of learning and of general improvements. In them the friends of education have lost their ablest advocates, and well may the people lament, for in them they have lost two great men—men of wisdom and of ability. Their lives and actions have been so blended that it is almost impossible to speak of one without mentioning the other; and it may be truly said, together they lived, labored and died.

Out of respect to the memory of my departed worthy colleague, I offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, Death has taken from among us, in the majesty of health, by one of those decrees of Providence which none can fathom, the Hon. Abner Sherman, and consigned him to an unknown grave in the vast and mighty waters of Lake Superior; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this House do most sincerely regret his sudden and untimely death, and do most deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased; that we feel the more deeply for them, in their misfortune, on account of the sad and heart-rending manner of his death.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and he is hereby

directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the widow of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, this House do now adjourn.

REMARKS OF MR. DEARE.

MR. SPEAKER:—With deep emotion, I rise to support the resolutions of the honorable gentleman from Houghton, who has so well portrayed the qualities of our departed friend, in his eloquent remarks.

How dreadful must be the recollection of any one who has witnessed a shipwreck; how awful the moment; how dread the suspense! How much more dreadful must be a catastrophe like that by which our lamented friend so unfortunately perished; rocked and tossed about by the fierce and raging tempest, in a frail vessel, upon an immense lake, at a distance from shore where succor could not reach, nor the lamentations of the sufferer be heard. There, sinking, surrounded by the raging billows; engulfed, swallowed up, summoned almost instantaneously into the presence of the Supreme Judge—no friendly plank at hand on which to cast forlorn hopes of prolonging existence. Such was the death scene of him whose memory we honor this day. A cherished son, and an ardent friend, shared with him the same sad fate—a wife and babes mourn his loss at home.

How dreadful must be the sound of every tempest that brings to the memory of a loving wife the recollection of a husband and father's death. Such is the sad lot of the widow of our friend, whose lifeless corpse is buried beneath the billows of a mighty lake; seated by the fireside of her now lonely home, each northern gale brings to her tender memory the thought that such a gale was the sad agent that despoiled her once happy home of its true and worthy protector; no sympathy can be too great for one so unfortunate; time can scarce efface from her memory the fearful remembrance of such an event. On the tented field, where lay numbers whose vacant seats at the board of kindred and friend, gives cause to bewail the cruel necessities and realities of war, presents not a more la-

mentable spectacle than the sinking of a vessel, miles away from the reach of a friendly hand, where all save one to tell the story of the other's fate, sink to a watery grave, never more to resume their places on the theatre of human action.

In the death of our honored friend his constituents truly lost a faithful advocate—a firm and ardent friend of every interest of the country he represented on this floor. His familiar form is still fresh in my memory. His place on my right, I behold is vacant—that friendly hand which I frequently had occasion to grasp in friendship, after the adjournment of the Legislature last winter, and previous to his departure for the place of his abode in May last, is no more within my grasp.

I cannot describe the sadness I experienced when I first read of the terrible and heart-rending manner in which the Honorable member from Ontonagon had closed his career on earth.

During the past year Providence has dealt severely with us. Death has not confined its arrows to the warrior or the hero on the battle-field; but as of old, entering alike into all ranks of society and conditions of men, has selected for its victims, the legislator, the soldier, and the civilian. Five from among the members of the two Houses have been summoned in one short year to appear before their Maker. But of all, sir, who have gone to "that bourne from whence no traveler returneth," this man's last end is the most affecting. Nor has any left a widow and orphans under such distressing circumstances as our honored friend, Abner Sherman.

REMARKS OF MR. HARR.

MR. SPEAKER:—I shall not do justice to my feelings if I allow these resolutions to pass without my offering one word in memory of the honored dead. True, I did not expect to speak to these resolutions, but long years of acquaintance have given me an opportunity to know more of the genial nature of the deceased than was wont to impress a less thorough acquaintance.

With all the bias that unfavorable associations and influences had thrown about him, he still possessed a noble and generous

nature, that must ever command respect. A tender and sympathizing heart, I have witnessed him, in the hour of affliction, weep like a child.

Mr. Speaker—The sad fatality that has rested upon both departments of this Legislature during the past year, has brought the narrow house appointed for all living, fearfully near to us all.

We are forcibly reminded of the truth of that text that assures us that in the midst of life we are in death. I will not attempt to express the sad emotions that wrung my feelings when informed by his colleague, the Hon. Mr. Pendill, of the untimely death of him we now lament, who, with his lovely and promising boy, had gone down on the unfortunate "Sunbeam," beneath the engulfing wave of Lake Superior, to rise no more.

The deceased while yet with us, may often have presented an unprepossessing exterior; but, Mr. Speaker,

"We all have our frailties—
We all are unwise,
And the grace that redeems us
Must shine from the skies."

I heartily second the resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Wednesday, January 27, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bryant,

Roll called: quorum present.

Messrs. Beakes and G. A. Smith appeared and answered to their names.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Messrs. Dow, H. Miller Pendill, Toll and Wight.

Mr. Cowan asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dow, for an indefinite time.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Buckley: petition of the township board of the township of Emmet, Calhoun county, in regard to bounties paid to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Parsons: petition of Capt. A. B. Wood, 1st Lieut. Porter K. Perrin and 148 other officers and privates belonging to the 27th regiment of Michigan infantry volunteers, requesting measures to be taken to secure to said petitioners the payment of the State bounty authorized by an act of the Legislature, passed at the last session thereof, which bounty was promised to said petitioners at the time of their enlistment;

Referred to the committee on military affairs.

By Mr. Jenison: petition of J. C. Brunson, Joseph Upton, Hugh Jenison and 88 others, citizens of Victor, Clinton county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize said township to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Also, petition of Wm. Van Dike, S. S. Bennett, Andrew J. Jones and 45 others, citizens of Riley, Clinton county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize said township to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Also, petition of the township board of Westphalia, county of Clinton, praying for the passage of a law to legalize the vote of said town, and authorize said tax to be raised to pay bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wilson: petition of John Clark, Henry Groff, Alvin Porter, Carl Hill and 70 others, citizens of Metamoras, in the county of Lapeer, asking the Legislature to legalize the action of said township in voting money to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Congdon: memorial of the township board of Lima, Washtenaw county, praying for the legalizing of the acts of said township in raising money to pay volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. McKernan: petition of S. S. Robinson and 52 others, asking the appointment of Ransom Sheldon, John H. Foster and Wm. H. Stevens, as commissioners for the Fort Wilkins and Fort Howard military road.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Beakes: petition of the township board of the township of Lodi, Washtenaw county, for authority to levy a tax to pay a loan for the payment of bounty and to legalize the vote for that purpose;

Also, petition of the township board of Northfield, Washtenaw county, for the same purpose;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Porter, M. W. Stockwell and 18 other citizens of Oakland county, asking that such persons as were drafted in the late draft and paid their \$300 commutation money, or went into the service, or furnished a substitute, be exempted from the tax raised to pay volunteers, would respectfully report that the subject matter of the petition, by reference of the Governor's message, was referred to the committee on ways and means, and that similar petitions have been already referred to that committee.

Your committee have therefore instructed me to report the petition back to the House, and ask that it be referred to the committee on ways and means, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GILBERT E. READ, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The recommendations of the committee were concurred in, and the petition was referred to the committee on ways and means.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 4, being

A bill to authorize the township of South Haven, in Van Buren county, and other townships in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, to make loans, and levy taxes for the construction and improvement of the harbor at the mouth of South Black River, in said township of South Haven,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations to whom was referred

A bill authorizing the township of Atlas, Genesee county, to raise money by tax to refund bounties voluntarily paid, advanced or pledged by the inhabitants of said township for volunteers,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Barry and Kent, and the cities and townships of such counties, the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids,

Respectfully report that they have considered the general features and objects of the bill, and present the following facts and statistics bearing upon the subject.

The distance in a right line, from Jackson to Grand Rapids, is 80 miles; by the route of the proposed road, through Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Vermontville and Hastings, about 85 miles. It being 76 miles from Jackson to Detroit, 72 from Jackson to Toledo, 158 from Grand Rapids to Detroit, and 65 from the last named city to Toledo. This road would make a second route between Grand Rapids and Detroit, only three miles further than by way of Owosso, and a route from Grand Rapids to Toledo 66 miles nearer than by way of Detroit. It would consequently be likely to command a considerable part of the travel and business between Wisconsin and Minnesota and the States south and south-east of Lake Erie, which now wholly avoids the State to go by the way of Chicago.

As an east and west route through the valley of the Grand River, one of the most fertile in the world, it would, to some extent, perhaps, enter into competition with other roads, and would increase the travel and business throughout the State.

As a north and south route, it connects the country which makes Grand Rapids its center with the southern counties, at a point on the Central rail road, about fifteen miles east of a point equi distant from the Detroit river and Lake Michigan. It would afford a large outlet for plaster to the great wheat-

growing counties of Jackson, Washtenaw, Lenawee and Hillsdale, containing, in 1860, 811,935 acres of improved land, and producing 2,134,180 bushels of wheat. Till the completion of other proposed roads, this would also afford an outlet to all the southwestern counties of this State, and several in Northern Indiana, much shorter than any existing railroad route.

Eaton and Barry counties are now without any railroads, and this road is designed to extend centrally through them from east to west.

The value of the real estate owned in the counties and townships named in the title of the bill, was, according to the census of 1860, \$32,591,923; the assessed valuation of the same counties and townships is now about \$20,000,000—\$100,000 in each county would be about one and a half per cent. on the assessed valuation in Jackson and Kent counties, and three per cent. in Eaton and Barry, or an average of two per cent. in the four counties; \$3,000 per mile would amount to \$255,000 for eighty-five miles, and if evenly divided between the counties would require an average of about one and a quarter per cent. of the whole assessed, or three-fourths of one per cent. of the census valuation.

The population of the same counties and towns was, in 1860, 92,098. It is now probably over 100,000. Over forty-five million feet of sawed lumber were produced in that year in the counties and townships north of Jackson, and 1,654,000 feet in the latter county. In Jackson, (as well as other southern counties,) there is not sufficient remaining timber to re-fence the farms, while in that part of the route west of Eaton Rapids, there is an immense surplus. In Eaton and Barry are at least 300,000 acres of land, covered with heavy forest, which it costs from \$12 to \$20 per acre to cut down and burn. A railroad would furnish a market for enough of the timber to help, if not entirely to defray the expense of clearing.

Many other considerations are added by the particular friends of the bill; those mentioned are among the most prominent.

It is proper to add that this route is that of the Grand River

Valley Railroad Company, which was chartered in 1846, at the same time with the Michigan Central and Michigan Southern Companies, and that it is the general purpose, along the line of the road, to build it by means of that company, in which stockholders are not personally liable. This bill, however, leaves it an open question as between this company and any other which may be formed under the general railroad law.

The committee have made some slight amendments to the original bill and herewith report the same back, ask concurrence in said amendments, and recommend that when so amended the bill do pass.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. SWEEZEY,
C F. MALLARY,
G. A. SMITH,
O. M. BARNES,
H. A. HAYDEN.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Crego,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means herewith report a bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature for the extra session for the year 1864,

Recommend its passage, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Mason moved that the bill be placed on the order of third reading;

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment report as correctly enrolled, signed and presented to the Governor, the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863.

CHARLES BETTS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harmon gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston, in regard to the payment of bounties to volunteers, and the loaning of money and issuing of bonds for that purpose.

Mr. Warner offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to the citizens of Lansing to-morrow evening, to listen to a lecture from Dr. Hogarth, of Detroit;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Welch offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted for the purpose of holding a public meeting, to be addressed by Col. D. M. Fox, on Thursday evening next;

Which was adopted.

Mr. E. G. Morton moved that the subject of bounties be made the special order for Friday next, at 11 o'clock;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Green gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the county of Lenawee, and the townships therein, in raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Jenison gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to raise bounties to pay volunteers, by the electors when the said townships have not acted in a corporate capacity.

Mr. Welch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Eldredge, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the county of Macomb, and the several townships in said county, in raising bounties for volunteers, and to legalize certain bonds to be issued for that purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Buckley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Emmet, Calhoun county, to spread upon the real and personal property of said township a tax not to exceed \$4,500, for the purpose of refunding the money which was hired to pay bounties to volunteers which have enlisted in the army of the United States under the last call of the President for 300,000 men.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Lockwood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following resolution :

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be authorized to cause ——— extra copies of the census returns and statistics for 1864 to be published in cheap book form, for distribution to township and school district libraries and the several State libraries.

Mr. E. G. Morton moved to fill the blank in the resolution with "3,000 ;"

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution was then adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Eldredge in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bills:

1. Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Bay to issue its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bay City to East Saginaw;

2. House bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships in any of the counties on the line of the proposed railroad, of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad company, to aid in the construction of said railroad;

3. House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature for the extra session, for the year 1864;

4. House bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties to subscribe stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad company;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bill:

5. Senate bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of South Haven, in Van Buren county, and other townships in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, to make loans and levy taxes for the construction and improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of South Black River, in said township of South Haven;

Have made no amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

J. B. ELDREDGE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The amendments made to the first and second named bills were concurred in, *in gross*, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being upon concurring in the amendments made to the third named bill,

Mr. Denman called for a division of the question.

The amendments made to the bill were all concurred in, except the one to section two, inserting the words "and to the members from the Upper Peninsula, two dollars per day each additional, during this session," after the word "sickness."

The question being upon concurring in this amendment, It was not concurred in.

The bill was then ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The amendments to the fourth named bill were concurred in, and the bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The fifth named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

The House took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Hemingway, by unanimous consent, moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the farther consideration of House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Also, House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bills were made the special order for Friday next, at 11 o'clock, in accordance with a resolution adopted this morning.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Welch,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Griswold in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed

their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

A. D. GRISWOLD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The amendments made to the bill were concurred in, *in gross*, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The committee on federal relations asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to make the following report:

The committee on Federal relations, to whom was referred

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and recommending Abraham Lincoln for a second term,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. WHEELER, *Chairman*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the joint resolution be placed on the order of third reading;

Mr. Mason moved to amend the joint resolution by striking out the word "People's," where it occurs in the resolution, and inserting the word "Republican," in lieu thereof;

Mr. Mason demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the amendment;

The demand was seconded, and the amendment was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Clark,
Congdon,
Deare,
Eldredge,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Mr. Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Hodgkinson,
Jenison,
Keeney,

Mr. Mason,
McKernan,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
Abram Smith,
Tinham,

NAYS.

Mr. Abbot,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Grego,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fowle,

Mr. Freeman,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hood,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallery,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,

Mr. Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorhies,
Warner,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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The motion to place the joint resolution on the order of third reading, prevailed.

Mr. Betts moved that the joint resolution be ordered printed in the journal;

Which motion prevailed.

The following is the joint resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION, Expressing confidence in the President and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That in the proclamation of amnesty recently put forth by the President of the United States we recognize a great step towards the reconstruction of the Union upon sound and safe principles. And that, in the author of that proclamation, we recognize the man who is pointed out to us as the instrument in the hands of Providence, to conduct the nation to a happy issue, out of these great trials and stupendous dangers.

Resolved, That in Abraham Lincoln we see a Chief Magistrate, guided in his administration, in the most trying period of our National history, by a clear head and a pure heart; and that as the Representatives of the people of Michigan, we re-

commend him to the Nation as the people's candidate for the Presidency for another term, subject to the decision of a National Convention.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Thursday, January 28, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Potter.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Harmon: petition of David G. Colwell and other citizens of the township of Tyrone, in the county of Livingston, praying for the passage of an act to legalize certain proceedings in regard to payment of bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wheeler: petition praying for a law to allow the township of Park, in St. Joseph county, to take stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad, signed by citizens of Park township;

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Porter: proceedings of the township board of the township of Byron, county of Kent, in regard to raising bounty for volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Winans: remonstrance of Robert Worden, John Peer, S. V. R. Hayes and others, against legalizing the action of the citizens of Green Oak, in voting a tax to raise bounties to pay volunteers, on the ground that sufficient notice was not given of said meeting, and that a majority of the electors of said township did not vote therefor;

Also, remonstrance of W. W. Dean, Elijah Johnson, Harvey Grattan, and other citizens of Green Oak, Livingston county,

against legalizing the action of said township in raising bounties for volunteers, and setting forth such action as informal;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Jenison: petition of George Smith, Jason Nichols, D. I. Daniels and 53 others, of Watertown, Clinton county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize the said township, to raise a sum of money not to exceed two hundred dollars for each man that has been drafted or may hereafter be drafted, or may hereafter enlist from said township, into the military service of the United States;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Denman: memorial of the township of Pokagon, county of Cass, in relation to bounties;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Bowen: petition of M. W. Bowen, E. Berry and 100 other citizens of Quincy, Branch county, praying for an act to legalize the action of that township in raising bounty money;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Cowan: petition of citizens of Eaton county, asking for the passage of a general or special law empowering them to raise money to aid in the construction of a railroad;

Referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

By Mr. Fellows: petition of A. H. Hill, Chas. P. Russell, Hugh McCall and 75 others, citizens of Alamo in the county of Kalamazo, who furnished the money to pay volunteers enlisting into the service of the United States from said township, asking the passage of an act to legalize the proceedings taken by said township to raise and pay the same;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Howard: petition of P. Ledebur, H. D. Post and 51 others, to incorporate the city of Holland;

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The petition was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The majority of the select committee of the Senate, and of the committee of ways and means of the House, authorized by con-

current vote of both branches to act as a joint committee, and to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message "as relates to the legalization of the action of towns and counties in raising bounties for volunteers;" and to whom was also referred, on the part of the Senate, the following memorials and petitions, viz:

Of the board of supervisors of the counties of Midland, Saginaw, Alpena, Lenawee and Kent, asking that certain orders and bonds issued by them to volunteers, or for the payment of bounties to volunteers, by their respective counties, to fill the quotas of said counties under the last call of the President, and all action in reference to said bonds, or to the raising of money for the payment of the same, be legalized;

Of the board of supervisors of the county of Branch, asking that the action of said board may be legalized in offering a bounty of *one hundred and fifty* dollars to each volunteer for said county;

Of the board of supervisors of the county of Saginaw, asking that a law be passed to legalize the action of towns in raising funds to encourage enlistments, and also to legalize *all* acts passed by said board, or which may hereafter be passed, to facilitate the raising of volunteers;

Of the board of supervisors of Hillsdale county, asking for the passage of a law making bounties uniform throughout the State, and doing away with all subsequent township bounties;

Of the board of supervisors of Montcalm county, asking that a law shall be passed whereby the State shall assume the payment of town and county bonds to volunteers;

Of Nathan Cole and 39 others, tax-payers of West Bloomfield, in the county of Oakland;

Of D. D. Riley and 24 others, citizens of the township of Sherwood, in the county of Branch;

Of A. M. Felt and 59 others, inhabitants of the township of Clayton, in the county of Genesee;

Of the township board of Iosco, in the county of Livingston;

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment report as correctly enrolled, signed and presented to the Governor, the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863.

CHARLES BETTS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Harmon gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston, in regard to the payment of bounties to volunteers, and the loaning of money and issuing of bonds for that purpose.

Mr. Warner offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted to the citizens of Lansing to-morrow evening, to listen to a lecture from Dr. Hogarth, of Detroit;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Welch offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be granted for the purpose of holding a public meeting, to be addressed by Col. D. M. Fox, on Thursday evening next;

Which was adopted.

Mr. E. G. Morton moved that the subject of bounties be made the special order for Friday next, at 11 o'clock;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Green gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the county of Lenawee, and the townships therein, in raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Jenison gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to raise bounties to pay volunteers, by the electors when the said townships have not acted in a corporate capacity.

Mr. Welch, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Eldredge, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the county of Macomb, and the several townships in said county, in raising bounties for volunteers, and to legalize certain bonds to be issued for that purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Buckley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the supervisor of the township of Emmet, Calhoun county, to spread upon the real and personal property of said township a tax not to exceed \$4,500, for the purpose of refunding the money which was hired to pay bounties to volunteers which have enlisted in the army of the United States under the last call of the President for 300,000 men.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Lockwood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on federal relations.

the issuing of bonds and borrowing of money for the pay of bounties to volunteers, be legalized, and that they be authorized to assess, levy and collect the necessary taxes for the payment of the same;

And to whom was also referred, on the part of the House, the following memorials and petitions, to-wit:

Of the board of supervisors of the counties of Livingston, Cass, Kent and Bay, asking that the action of said boards, respectively, in the issuing of bonds for the payment of bounties to volunteers may be legalized, and that said counties be authorized to raise, by tax, the necessary sums for the payment of said bonds;

Of the township of Owosso, in the county of Shiawassee; and

Of the township of Milton, in the county of Cass, asking that their proceedings, in the issuing of bonds for the payment of bounties, may be legalized;

Of H. W. Bush and 91 others, citizens of the township of Charleston, in the county of Kalamazoo;

Of Asa Reynolds and 58 others, tax-payers of the township of Rose, in the county of Oakland;

Of Ernest Rauspach and 41 others, tax-payers of the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne;

Of Lewis Briggs and 177 others, tax-payers of the township of Livonia, in the county of Wayne;

Of Geo. W. Hall and 40 others, citizens of the township of Saline, in the county of Washtenaw, asking that the action of their township, in raising bounties for volunteers, and that such taxes as have been or may be levied by them for the payment of said bounties, may be legalized;

Of E. D. Lay and 112 others, voters of the township of Ypsilanti, asking that the bonds issued by the township board of said township, be legalized;

Of Benjamin C. Cox, chairman of a committee of the township of St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair, asking for the passage of a law legalizing the bonds issued by said township, to pay bounties to volunteers, and to the families of such volun-

teers, and also to require the township officers to levy the necessary taxes to meet the payment of the same;

Of the board of supervisors of Gratiot county, for a law to increase the bounty of volunteers, and to extend the benefits of act No. 67, of the session laws of 1863, one year;

Of H. G. Wells and 135 others, citizens of Kalamazoo, praying for a law to provide for reimbursing to individuals, bounty moneys advanced to secure enlistments of volunteers into the military service of the United States, and to legalize bonds issued for bounty purposes;

Of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, asking to have tax roll of 1863 legalized, so as to be able to compel the collection of taxes assessed under the law approved March 7, 1863;

Of the township board of Augusta, in the county of Washtenaw, asking that a bounty fund voted to be raised by said township, be either legalized or adopted by the State;

Of the township board of Saline, in the county of Washtenaw, asking that the vote of said town, to assess and raise, by tax, the sum of five thousand dollars to pay bounties to volunteers, be legalized;

Of the township board of Milan, in the county of Monroe;

Of the township board of Athens, in the county of Calhoun;

Of the township board of Overisel, in the county of Allegan;

Of Wm. A. Blake and 175 others, tax-payers and voters of the township of Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, asking for the passage of a law authorizing that township to levy a tax to pay bounties to volunteers;

Of the township board of Burlington, in the county of Lapeer, asking that a law may be passed authorizing that township to assess and collect a tax already voted, to pay bounties;

Of J. G. Van Has and 107 others, citizens of the township of Zealand, Ottawa county;

Of G. W. Gilmore and 15 others, citizens of the township of Fremont, in the county of Tuscola;

Of J. W. Spencer and 31 others, electors of the township of Indian Fields, in the county of Tuscola;

Of A. B. Clark and 20 others, of the township of Dayton, in the county of Tuscola;

Of John Ferguson and 90 others, citizens of the township of Delhi, in the county of Ingham;

Of the township board of London, in the county of Monroe;

Of the township board of Portland, in the county of Ionia;

Of the township board of Williamstown, in the county of Ingham;

Of Levi N. Goodrich and 24 others, tax-payers of the township of Concord, in the county of Jackson;

Of the township board of Sylvan, in the county of Washtenaw;

Of the township board of Aranac, in the county of Bay;

Of the township board of Bedford, in the county of Wayne;

Of the township board of Easton, in the county of Ionia;

Of the township board of Owosso, in the county of Shiawassee;

Of Philemon Kent and 49 others, electors of the township of Barry, in the county of Barry;

Of David Sanford and 64 others, tax-payers of the township of Flushing, in the county of Genesee;

Of the township board of Denmark, in the county of Tuscola;

Of John Byrne and 27 others, inhabitants of the township of Marlet, in the county of Sanilac, asking that the action of said town in reference to the issuing of bonds and borrowing money for the pay of bounties to volunteers, be legalized, and that they be authorized to assess, levy and collect the necessary taxes for the payment of the same;

Of A. C. Folsom and 13 others, inhabitants of the township of Arcadia, in the county of Lapeer;

Of B. A. Lumbard and others, on behalf of the citizens of the township of Green Oak, in the county of Livingston, asking that taxes voted by said township, for the payment of bounties to volunteers, be legalized;

Of the city of Coldwater, asking that the bonds issued by said city, for the payment of bounties to volunteers, be legalized;

Of Jesse Eeles and 35 others, citizens and tax-payers of the township of Atlas, in the county of Genesee, asking for the passage of a law authorizing said township to assess and collect a tax of two thousand one hundred dollars, for refunding bounties to volunteers, paid by citizens;

Of the city of Owosso, asking that the action of said city in the issuing of bonds for the payment of bounties to volunteers, be legalized, and that they be authorized to raise, by tax, the necessary amount for the payment of the same;

Of the board of supervisors of Kent county, asking for the passage of a law granting State bounties to veteran volunteers;

Of C. N. Streeter and 90 others, freeholders and electors of the township of Windsor, in the county of Eaton, remonstrating against legalizing the proceedings of a meeting of the electors of said town, in raising money for the payment of bounties to volunteers, and the commutation of drafted men;

Of R. J. Wright and 73 others, electors of the township of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, asking for the passage of a law authorizing some loyal persons other than the township board, to issue the bonds of said township for the purpose of raising money with which to pay bounties to volunteers, said township board having refused to issue the bonds already voted by almost an unanimous vote of the electors of said township, called by said board for that purpose;

Of W. H. Parker, prosecuting attorney, in accordance with the resolutions and instructions of the board of supervisors of Ottawa county, asking for the passage of a law to legalize the action of said board, and of the several townships of said county in relation to volunteers;

And to whom was also referred, on the part of the Senate, the following bills, to wit:

A bill to confirm and legalize the tax and tax rolls of the townships of Sheridan and Albion, in the county of Calhoun, for the collection of the taxes voted, assessed, and spread on the

tax roll of said townships for the purpose of raising the money voted in said townships for the pay of bounties to volunteers;

A bill to legalize certain indebtedness incurred by the township of Hillsdale, for the payment of a bounty to volunteers, under the President's proclamation of Oct. 17th, 1863;

And to whom was also referred, on the part of the House, the following bills, to wit:

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Wayne county to make a temporary loan for bounty purposes;

A bill to provide for raising money, or issuing bonds, by towns and cities, to pay bounties to volunteers;

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of Kalamazoo to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States;

A bill to provide for paying or funding the bounty fund raised by the citizens of East Saginaw;

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of the township of Hastings, in the county of Barry, to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States, since the first day of August, 1863;

A bill to legalize the action of the electors of the township of St. Joseph, in the county of Berrien, and to provide for issuing the orders of said township to pay such amount of volunteer bounty, as was authorized by such electors, at a special meeting held in the month of December, 1863, to be paid to recruits enlisting under the last call of the President of the United States for 300,000 men;

A bill to authorize the city of Coldwater to provide bounties for volunteers;

Having had under consideration all of the foregoing petitions, memorials and bills, as well as various other papers and documents, giving statements of proceedings in different towns and counties, and all of which have reference to the general subject of bounties to volunteers, respectfully

REPORT :

As may well be supposed in a matter of such importance, and one which could not fail deeply to interest every loyal citizen of Michigan; and in the absence of all legal enactments authorizing the raising of city, town and county bounties, by which alone the inhabitants of such municipal corporations could hope to escape a draft in filling their respective quotas of the 300,000 volunteers, ordered by the President of the United States, their separate action upon the subject would be quite sure to differ very widely, one from another. This your committee have found to be true. And whilst they have had before them *seventy-nine* petitions and memorials, and *ten* bills, from all parts of the State, asking for such legislation as would meet their respective views and wishes, they do not find hardly any two which present the same facts, or ask for precisely the same legislation in terms. The general facts, however, which the committee glean from these petitions and memorials are, that without law, the patriotic citizens of the State have spontaneously come together in various forms and under different calls, to meet a great public exigency by such acts and means as were within their reach. In some cases a form of law has been given to the proceedings for raising money and obtaining credit, to pay bounties, and thereby avoid a draft; and in others, individual contributions have been freely made, and both money and credit loaned and pledged—without stint—almost every one seeming to rely upon the patriotism, the loyalty, the sense of justice, of equity and of right, rather than upon the letter of the law, to induce, in due time, the whole people and the Legislature of the State, to make good in law, that which had been done under such strong and pressing necessity, without law; and especially so, as the sole purpose was thereby to secure the best interests of the whole.

Although the petitions and memorials referred to the committee, in almost every instance, ask for special enactments to meet their own particular cases, yet the general tenor of the

whole is an urgent appeal to this Legislature to legalize all their acts and proceedings of the past, having reference to the borrowing of money, the raising of money by taxes, or the issuing of scrip, orders, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, for the purpose of raising the necessary means of offering such bounties to volunteers as would thereby avoid a draft; and, for the future, to make such provisions as would obviate the necessity, under any similar emergency, of any departure from the strict letter of the law.

And although it may be extremely difficult to frame a general law that will meet the views of all the petitioners, and cover every individual act of the past, sought to be legalized, yet in view of the limited time of this Legislature, and of the arduous task that would be imposed upon it, should such a course of legislation be pursued, your committee have deemed it advisable to embody, in a general bill, such provisions as they hope may be sufficient to meet the necessities of the case, and the views of the petitioners, and such as they believe are in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor; and which they have endeavored to do in the bill herewith reported.

But if, in the opinion of any of the members of either branch of the Legislature, who may have presented bills which have been referred to this committee, and are now reported back with a recommendation that they do not pass, the bill now reported does not cover all that they desire, then there will be ample opportunity for such bills to be again referred, and hereafter specially acted upon, in cases where such course may be deemed expedient.

In regard to the effect of the bill now reported for the purpose of legalizing the past acts and doings of the people in the several municipal corporations of the State, they do not feel called upon in this report to express an opinion, or even to consider, very critically, in connection with the duty with which they are now charged. But in view of a possible doubt as to the irregularities or illegalities of those proceedings being entirely cured by the legislation herein recommended,

your committee have deemed it advisable and expedient to provide that the several municipal corporations shall now have the right to raise money by taxes, or to issue scrip, orders or bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, to meet or cancel expenditures or debts already incurred in the payment of bounties to volunteers, if they shall deem this to be the safer course.

And as many of the townships and city wards, may not yet have raised their full quota under the present call, the committee deem it proper that they should now have the right, by future action, to provide bounties for volunteers; and a provision is accordingly inserted in the bill authorizing them to do so in a sum not exceeding *two hundred dollars* to each volunteer, that, perhaps, being a fair average, if not a maximum, of the bounties already paid.

But the Governor has also called the "attention of the legislature to the question of the propriety of providing, by law, a "uniform rule, by virtue of which bounties may hereafter be "raised without the irregularities which have heretofore occurred;" and your committee are clearly of the opinion that such provisions should now be made. In regard to the particular mode of this provision they are, however, inclined to differ somewhat from the views entertained by the Governor, as expressed in his message; for while they admit the correctness of his opinions in regard to the advantages of local bounties for procuring enlistments, they, at the same time, believe that State bounties are not without their advantages; and they have accordingly provided for a State bounty of *one hundred dollars*, and for a local, or township bounty, not exceeding a similar sum, to be paid to volunteers who may hereafter enlist on any subsequent call of the President of the United States for troops during the present rebellion. Whilst the committee were somewhat divided in sentiment in regard to these two modes of raising bounties, it was finally conceded that the course adopted would have decided advantages over either an exclusive State or local bounty.

There are several other subjects which have claimed the attention of the committee, and which have been brought to their notice by the petitioners.

The Legislature is asked to enact a law whereby the State shall assume and pay to the cities, towns and counties, as well as to individuals, all the sums of money which they may have paid, or which they may have become liable to pay, on account of bounties to volunteers. The committee are unanimously of the opinion that, under the circumstances, such legislation is neither judicious nor expedient, and they therefore do not recommend it.

Among all the petitions referred to your committee, they find one only asking for the passage of a law authorizing towns and counties to refund to drafted men commutation money paid by them; and upon this they report adversely to the prayer of the petitioners.

The petition of the board of supervisors of the county of Kent, as well as some others, ask for the passage of a law granting State bounties to veteran volunteers. Your committee are deeply sensible of the great and lasting obligations which the government and the people are under to those brave and devoted men, who have so freely, at the call of their country, periled their strength, their health, their lives, in her behalf, and who, to perfect the great work so nobly commenced by them, are again voluntarily offering themselves anew, a willing sacrifice for their country's weal. But in view of the fact that they are now allowed, in addition to all local bounties, a State bounty of fifty dollars from the war fund of this State, provided at the last session of the Legislature, which is not paid to other volunteers, as well as a further bounty of four hundred dollars allowed them by the General Government, being one hundred more than is received by other volunteers; and in view also of the fact that although having enlisted in the beginning, for the term of three years, the government has given them an honorable discharge, after serving but little more than two years, and has granted them a furlough of thirty days upon their re-

enlistment, and has also paid their expenses home to the place of their rendezvous, your committee do not think that it is expedient at the present time, to make further provisions in their behalf, and they have not done so in the bill herewith submitted.

Another subject of much importance, incidentally brought to the notice of the committee, has engaged their attention. A practice has prevailed, with almost perfect impunity, and to an alarming extent, for volunteers to be taken from the towns and counties where they belong, and where they are enrolled, by selfish, evil disposed, and wicked persons, and conveyed to towns and counties where they are disposed of—in fact, sold—to persons who, if less criminal than the actual perpetrators of this wrong, are no less selfish and lawless; and in many instances this is done where volunteers have already received their bounties in the localities where they belong. In some cases this is alone the criminal act of the volunteer, and in others *he* is but the subject, whilst some officer of the government, or other person in some way connected with the enlistment, is the actual criminal. And this offence, in some instances, is undoubtedly repeated more than once, with the same recruit. The perpetrators of this wrong, whether “sellers” or “buyers,” should not only meet the indignation and scorn of all just and honorable men, but the severest penalties of the law should be inflicted in every case where it can possibly be made to reach the offenders.

Your committee, however, have not been able, in the bill reported, to provide a remedy for this evil.

Your committee therefore herewith report back to their respective branches of the Legislature in which they were presented, the various petitions, memorials and remonstrances, referred to them, together with the accompanying bill to carry into effect the recommendations herein contained, the passage of which they recommend.

They also report back the several bills referred to them, which bills they recommend do not pass, as the provisions of

such bills they believe to be substantially embodied in the general bill, the passage of which they have already recommended, so far, at least, as such provisions can be so incorporated and embodied, consistently with the views of the committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. CRAPO,

Chairman of Senate Committee.

HENRY B. DENMAN,

Chairman of House Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill reported by the committee was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Denman,

Was made the special order for Friday morning at 11 o'clock, in connection with the other bills pertaining to the same subject.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 27, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 27, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution relative to the construction of an Artesian well at the State Reform School;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Woodworth,

Was placed on the order of third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Betts offered the following:

Resolved, That the Governor is hereby respectfully requested to inform this House whether all or any of the lands donated by the General Government to this State, in aid of Agricultural Colleges, have been selected, and if so, in what manner they have been selected; also, whether he deems any further legislation necessary, to secure said grant of lands;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Crego gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of the county of Jackson, and the townships therein, in raising bounties for volunteers.

Mr. Slafter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the several townships in Tuscola county, in raising money for volunteer purposes.

Mr. Read gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, Kalamazoo county.

Mr. Harmon, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston, relative to a loan of money, and the issuing of bonds for the payment of bounties to volunteers and conscripts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Littlejohn, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1863, in the several townships of the county of Allegan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Bay to issue its bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bay City to East Saginaw,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Grisweld,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Ray mond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith
Stewart,
Swezey,
Thayer,

Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
Mason,
McKernan,
McMartin,
J. C. Miller,
John Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Thomas,
Voorheis,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich,

Mr. Hemingway,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Keeney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The hour for the consideration of the special order of the day having arrived,

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The special order was postponed until after the going through with the order of third reading of bills and joint resolutions.

Senate bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of South Haven, in Van Buren county, and other townships in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, to make loans, and levy taxes for the construction and improvement of the harbor at the mouth of South Black river, in said township of South Haven,

Was read a third time, and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,

Mr. H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,

Cobb,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,

Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
Mason,
McKernan,
McMartin,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,

Slafter,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth, 69

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich,

Mr. Fifield,

Mr. Hemingway, 3

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships in any of the counties on the line of the proposed railroad, of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company, to aid in the construction of said railroad,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Jenison,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,

Crane,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Orego,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Deare,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Denman,	Mallary,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Williams,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Winans,
Eldredge,	J. O. Miller,	Winsor,
Erskine,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Fellows,	H. O. Morton,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Fifield,	Mr. Sprague,	Mr. Voorheis,
Hemingway,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, to subscribe stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers Railroad Company,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Read,
Barnes,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	H. A. Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Henry Hayden,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Hood,	Swezey,
Cook,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thomas,
Crane,	Luther,	Rankin,
Orego,	Mallary,	Tinham,
Deare,	McKernan,	Welch,
Denman,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	John Miller,	Wheeler,
Dockeray,	E. G. Morton,	Williams,
Erskine,	H. O. Morton,	Winans,

Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gaylord,

Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,

Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,

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NAYS.

Mr. Bentley,
Fifield,

Mr. Hemingway,

Mr. Keeney,

4

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled-

A bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, for the extra session, for the year 1864,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallery,
McKernan,
John Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Winsor,

1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Cobb,
Combes,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Hemingway,
Hood,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McMartin,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,

Mr. Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,
Beakes,
Clark,
Congdon,
Deare,
Eldredge,
Fifield,
Grosebeck,

Mr. Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Hodgkinson,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,

Mr. Mason,
McKernan,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
Tinharn,
Winans,
Wight,

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Mr. Porter moved that Mr. Mason be excused from voting;
Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Mason then voted as recorded above.

The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following as a substitute therefor:

A joint resolution to enable Republicans who have rebelled against the party, to sustain the Union and Constitution, to repent and return to Abraham's bosom;

Which was not adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton, on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Piper,
Aldrich,	Gaylord,	Porter,
Allen,	Green,	Rankin,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Bowen,	H. A. Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	Aura Smith,
Clark,	Haze,	Stewart,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Sweezy,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Hood,	Tinham,
Cook,	Howard,	Voorhies,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Warner,
Crane,	Keeney,	Welch,
Crego,	Littlejohn,	Weatherby,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Denman,	Luther,	Williams,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Wilson,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Winans,

Eldredge,
Erakine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Freeman,

McMartin,
John Miller,
H. O. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Read moved to suspend the rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, and that Senate joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the construction of an artesian well at the State Reform School,

Be put upon it final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS:

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Bowen,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingay,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McKernan,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Reed,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorhies,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,

Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erakine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

McMartin,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morfon,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,

Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Mason,

1

Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodworth,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Haze in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill;

House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the House, and ask leave to sit again.

W. H. HAZE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The report was accepted, and leave granted the committee to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Mr. Abram Smith.

Mr. Mason asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Abram Smith, for an indefinite time.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained the consent of the House to offer the following:

Resolved, That no member of this House be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, nor more than ten minutes at one time, unless by unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Betts moved to so amend the resolution as that no member should be allowed to speak more than twenty minutes the first time, and ten minutes the second time, on any one subject;

Which amendment was accepted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Haze in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

W. H. HAZE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Hemingway moved that the amendments made to the bill be concurred in, *in gross*, and that the bill be placed on the order of third reading;

Pending which,

Mr. Beakes moved to amend the bill by adding three new sections thereto, to stand as sections 38, 39 and 40, as follows:

Sec. 38. The Supreme Court of this State is hereby authorized and required to consider and decide within four months from and after the passage of this act, whether this act or any part thereof, is authorized by or under the Constitution of this State, which decision shall be entered of record in said Court; and such decision shall be as valid and authoritative as if made in a case regularly pending in said Court, involving the question of the constitutionality of this act, and every part thereof; and a copy of such decision shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. In case said Supreme Court shall decide this act to be unconstitutional, no further proceeding shall be had under this act.

Sec. 39. The Supreme Court may, in its discretion, direct an argument of the constitutional questions involved in this act, and for that purpose may invite such counsel, learned in the law, as such Court shall deem expedient, to argue such questions before said Court.

Sec. 40. No proceeding shall be had or taken under this act until after the expiration of four months from and after the passage of this act.

Mr. Lockwood moved to amend the amendment by striking out the last proposed section;

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being upon the original amendment, it was not adopted.

The question recurring upon the motion to order the bill engrossed for a third reading,

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Friday, January 29, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armstrong.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. H. Miller appeared and answered to his name.

Mr. Beakes asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Tuesday next, from and after to-morrow, on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. H. Miller: petition of 64 voters of the township of Brandon, Oakland county, for the enactment of a law legalizing the issuing of bonds by said township, at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent.;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. J. C. Miller: petition of John M. Glavin, William G. Rogers and 28 others, tax-payers of the township of Chickaming, praying for a law legalizing the action of the citizens in raising a bounty to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Keeney: petition of J. L. Valade, A. C. Moross, Henry Montry and 26 other tax-payers of the township of Erie, in Monroe county, praying for a law to authorize the raising of money by tax, for bounty purposes;

Also, resolution of the electors passed at a meeting held in said township, relating to the same subject;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Jenison: memorial of the township of Bath, Clinton county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize said town to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Spencer: memorial of the town board of the town of Wheatland, in regard to the matter of bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, and certain other townships and incorporated villages in said county, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or some other point on the Michigan Central railroad;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 28, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, The Board of State Auditors were, by joint resolution No. 23, approved March 18, 1863, authorized to adjust and settle the claims of the State against the bail of John McKinney, late State Treasurer;

And whereas, The said Board were unable to determine whether they had legal authority, under the resolution above named, to discharge Allen R. Burr, one of said bail, without releasing the other sureties; therefore,

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the Governor be requested, by special message, to recommend such action of this

Legislature as shall confer the proper authority upon the Board of State Auditors to release Allen R. Burr from further liability as surety in the case above named;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, January 29, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That 1,500 extra copies of the majority report of the select committee of the Senate, and committee of ways and means of the House, authorized by concurrent vote of both branches, to act as a joint committee, and to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the legalization of the action of towns and counties in raising bounties for volunteers, and to whom was also referred sundry memorials and petitions upon the same subject, be ordered printed for the use of both branches of the Legislature,

Which has passed the Senate, by a majority vote of all the Senators elect and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The resolution was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. H. Miller gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize the action of the citizens of the townships of Troy, Avon, Oakland, Addison, Oxford and Brandon, in Oakland county, in issuing war bonds, and pledging the faith of said towns to raise funds to promote volunteering, to fill quotas.

Mr. Wheeler offered the following:

Resolved, That the firemen of this House be allowed fifty cents per day additional salary during this session, for services as night watchmen of the capitol building;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to appropriate swamp land to construct a road in Lapeer and Tuscola counties, to be known as the Lapeer and Tuscola State road.

Mr. Mason offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Auditor General be authorized and directed to send 2,000 copies of the compiled laws to the city of Detroit and have the same sold at auction, or otherwise, for such sum or price as he shall be able to obtain for the same;

Mr. Mason moved that the rule requiring the resolution to lay on the table for one day be suspended;

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Deare gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Gross Point, in the county of Wayne.

Mr. Bliss gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to lay out and improve a State road from East Saginaw to the junction.

Mr. Winsor gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction of a road from White Rock, in the county of Huron, to intersect the Sand Beach and Bay City State road.

Mr. Denman offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the Board of State Auditors, before the next session of the Legislature of this State, to procure one portfolio of suitable size and quality, for the use of each of the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, plainly stamped or marked with the name of the committee for whose use it shall be intended, which shall be deposited in the State Library, to be obtained at the commencement of each session by the chairman of such committee, under the same restrictions, and to be returned to such Library at the end of the session, under the same penalties, as books are obtained and returned to said Library, according to law;

Laid on the table for one day, under the rules.

Mr. Jenison gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction of a State road from Alma, Gratiot county, to the south line of Clinton county.

Mr. Cobb gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for recording U. S. revenue stamps.

Mr. Slafter gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to improve the State road from Farandville, in Genesee county, to Tuscola, in Tuscola county.

Mr. Spencer gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to lay out and construct a State road in the county of Ionia.

Mr. Grosebeck gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the extension of the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, county of Macomb, for the year 1863.

Mr. Erskine gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a State road in the counties of Sanilac and Huron, and to improve the same with State swamp land.

Mr. E. G. Morton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution of instruction to the supervisors and assessors of the State of Michigan.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend section forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Sweezey,

The bill was laid on the table, and ordered printed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

This order having been reached, and the hour set apart for its consideration not yet having arrived,

By unanimous consent, Mr. Mason moved that the several bills on that order, being

House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Also, House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863;

Also, Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

Be laid on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Deare in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bills:

1. House bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax, or borrow money to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

2. House bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Barry and Kent, and the cities and townships of such counties, the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids;

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

H. W. DEARE, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Warner moved that the amendments made to the first named bill be concurred in, *in gross*;

Mr. Harmon called for a division of the question.

The amendments were all concurred in except the one inserting the words "being tax payers," after the word "electors," wherever it occurs in the bill.

The question recurring upon this amendment,

It was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was laid on the table.

The amendments made to the second named bill were concurred in, *in gross*, and,

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Parsons asked and obtained leave of absence for himself until Tuesday next.

Mr. Barnes moved to take from the table House bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax or borrow money to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Beakes moved to amend the bill by adding the following at the end of section two:

"At such meeting the township inspectors of election, if present, shall act as inspectors of election. The electors shall vote by ballot, and shall be subject to challenge, as at other township elections; and the proceedings at such meeting to be held under this act, shall be governed in all respects by the

general laws of this State, relating to township elections, so far as the same may be applicable; and illegal and fraudulent voting shall be punishable in the same manner, and to the same extent as at other township elections;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Sweezey moved that the rule be suspended requiring the third reading of bills to be on a day subsequent to that on which such bills shall have passed the committee of the whole, and that the bill be put on its final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill, being House bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax, or borrow money to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Porter,
Barnes,	Gaylord,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Betts,	Griswold,	Read,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Buckley,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Clark,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Grosebeck,
Cook,	Hood,	Stewart,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Sweezey,
Crane,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Crego,	Littlejohn,	Welch,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Williams,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Eldredge,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Erskine,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fellows,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Parsons,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Piper,	

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Hemingway,	Mr. Thomas,
Allen,	Mason,	Tinham,
Beakes,	H. Miller,	Voorheis,
Congdon,	Sprague,	Weatherby,
Fifield,	Aura Smith,	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Barnes moved to take from the table, House bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson, Eaton, Barry and Kent, and the cities and townships of such counties, the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Sweezey,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put on its final passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect, voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fowle,	Mr. Piper,
Allen,	Freeman,	Porter,
Barnes,	Gargett,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Gaylord,	Read,
Betts,	Grinnell,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Griswold,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Harmon,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	H. A. Hayden,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Henry Hayden,	Sweezey,
Cook,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Cowen,	Hood,	Weatherby,
Crane,	Jenison,	Wheeler,
Crego,	Keeney,	Williams,
Deare,	Littlejohn,	Wilson,

Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,

Lockwood,
Mallory,
McMartin,
E. G. Morton,
H. O. Morton,
Parsons,

Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker, 68

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Beakes,
Clark,
Fifield,

Mr. Hemingway,
Mason,
H. Miller,
Mosher,

Mr. Spragne,
Thomas,
Tinharn,
Voorheis, 16

The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. Sweezey moved to amend the title by striking out the words "Barry and Kent," in the first line, and inserting the word "and" between the words "Jackson" and "Eaton," in the same line; also, by inserting the words "and of Barry and Kent," after the word "counties," in the second line;

Which motion prevailed.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Orego,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Hemingway in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859;

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone

through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the House, and ask leave to sit again.

WM. HEMINGWAY, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

The question being upon granting the committee leave to sit again,

Mr. E. G. Morton moved that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the bill;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fitch,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Saturday, January 30, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burns.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Messrs. Bowen and Mason.

Mr. Weatherby asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Bowen for an indefinite time on account of sickness.

Mr. Lockwood asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mason until Wednesday next, on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Fowle: proceedings of electors of the township of Camden, county of Hillsdale, in regard to raising bounty for volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Lockwood: petition of the collectors of taxes in Detroit, for an extension of time for the collection of taxes in said city;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Freeman: petition of Henry M. Perrin and 86 others, legal voters of the township of Bingham, Clinton county, pray-

ing for the passage of a law legalizing the action of said township in regard to raising bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on military affairs to whom was referred

Joint resolution relating to the duties of supervisors in furnishing relief to the families of volunteers, under the provisions of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863,

Have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the accompanying substitute for the original resolution, and recommend the same be adopted, and when so adopted, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee,

Mr. E. G. Morton moved that the rules be suspended and the joint resolution be put upon its final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Bliss,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combes,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,

Mr. Grinnell,
Griswold,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,

Mr. Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,

Dixon,	J. C. Miller,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	E. G. Morton,	Wheeler,
Fellows,	H. C. Morton,	Williams,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Wilson,
Fowle,	Piper,	Winans,
Freeman,	Porter,	Wight,
Gargett,	Rankin,	Woodman,
Gaylord,	Raymond,	Woodworth,
Green,	Read,	Speaker, 66

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Mr. Betts,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Hood,
Eldredge,	Hemingway,	H. Miller,
Erskine,	Hodgkinson,	Tinham, 10
Fifield,		

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The joint resolution as passed was ordered printed in the journal.

The following is the joint resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the relief of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That act No. 173, of the session laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "an act to amend an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the relief, by counties, of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, or of this State, approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and to add certain sections thereto," approved January seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, was intended and is hereby declared to make it the duty of the board of supervisors of each organized county, to make adequate provision for all requisite relief and support of the families within this State, of non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, enlisted or drafted from their counties respectively, or substitutes for persons so drafted and mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, whether such families reside within the

county where such enlistment was made and to which such soldier is credited or not; but said act was not intended, and shall not be construed to require or authorize the board of supervisors of any county, or any member thereof, to apply any part of the family relief fund of such county, or furnish relief to the family of any soldier credited by the military authorities to any other county or sub-district, or who belongs to any regiment or battery from any other State.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 29, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The Assistant Keepers of the State Prison have requested some increase of their salaries, by a petition, which I herewith transmit. I believe their request is reasonable, and therefore recommend it;

Also a law to enable salt manufacturing companies to take stock in plank road and river improvement companies;

Also to authorize the field officers of Michigan regiments in the field, to take acknowledgments of deeds, and the like;

Also to legalize the acts of school district number one, in the township of Portage, Houghton county.

I also recommend that the Legislature take such action upon the application of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company for relief from the conditions of the previous acts of the Legislature, in regard to their grant of land, as justice and the public interest may require.

I also recommend appropriations of land for the purpose of constructing the several State roads named in the paper herewith transmitted, marked "swamp land State roads."

AUSTIN BLAIR.

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the special message of the Governor as relates to the increase of salaries of State Prison officers, be referred to the committee on State Prison;

That so much as relates to salt manufacturing companies, be referred to the committee on salines;

That so much as relates to the subject of officers of the army taking acknowledgments of deeds, be referred to the committee of the judiciary;

That so much as relates to legalizing acts of school district No. 1, in the township of Portage, Houghton county, be referred to the committee on education;

That so much as relates to the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, be referred to the committee on banks and incorporations;

That so much as relates to the subject of swamp land roads, be referred to the committee on public lands;

Which was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 30, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 30, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5th, 1857;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Wilson offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That from and after 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of February next, the two Houses will transact no business other than for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign enrolled bills for the approval of the Governor, and the entry of the same on the journals of the proper Houses by the Secretary and Clerk, and the day of final adjournment of this Legislature shall be on Saturday, the 6th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, of that day;

Laid on the table for one day under the rules.

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on public lands be and are hereby instructed to embody the several swamp land roads embraced in the Governor's special message, in one bill, and report the same to this House;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Jenison offered the following:

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution in relation to the family relief fund, be furnished to the several county clerks of this State;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Read moved to take from the table the following resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That 1,500 extra copies of the majority report of the select committee of the Senate, and committee of ways and means of the House, authorized by concurrent vote of both branches, to act as a joint committee, and to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the legalization of the action of towns and counties in raising bounties for volunteers, and to whom was also referred sundry memorials and petitions upon the same subject, be ordered printed for the use of both branches of the Legislature;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Rankin moved that the House concur in the adoption of the resolution;

Mr. Lockwood moved to amend the resolution by striking out "1,500," and inserting "1,000," in lieu thereof;

Which motion prevailed.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, it was not adopted.

Mr. Littlejohn moved to take from the table House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in Allegan county;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Littlejohn,

The bill was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Harmon gave notice that on some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Handy, in the county of Livingston.

Mr. Lockwood moved to take from the table House bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lockwood moved to amend the bill by inserting in the second line of section 31, after the word "Detroit," the words "except in a year in which a new registration has been made;"

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put upon its final passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Slafter,
Aldrich,	Gaylord,	Spencer,
Allen,	Green,	Sprague,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	G. A. Smith,
Bentley,	Griswold,	T. G. Smith,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Aura Smith,
Bliss,	Harmon,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Haze,	Sweezey,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Thayer,
Combs,	Hood,	Thomas,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Warner,
Cook,	Lockwood,	Weatherby,
Cowan,	Mallery,	Wheeler,
Crane,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Crego,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Denman,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Dockeray,	Mosher,	Winsor,
Eldredge,	Piper,	Woodman,
Fellows,	Porter,	Woodworth,
Fitch,	Raymond,	Speaker,
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NAYS.

Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hodgkinson,	Mr. McKernan,
Deare,	Keeney,	Wight,
Fiffield,	Littlejohn,	

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Gaylord, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the Michigan Salt Company to carry on its business in the counties of Saginaw and Bay.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on salines.

Mr. Read, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Deare, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Grosse Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. T. G. Smith, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Winsor, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to lay out and establish a road, to be known as the White Rock and Bingham State road;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Winsor,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Spencer, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to lay out and provide for the construction of a State swamp land road from Ionia, in Ionia county, to Smyrna, in the same county;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Spencer,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Erskine, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp

lands, by means of a State road and ditches, in the counties of Sanilac and Huron;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Erskine,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Gargett, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the terminus of the Saginaw and Gratiot State road, to the Muskegon river, in Newaygo county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Gargett,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Jenison, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, from Alma, in Gratiot county, via Maple Rapids, to the south line of Clinton county.

The bill was read a first second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Wilson, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the construction of a State road in Lapeer and Tuscola counties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Welch,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Luther, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to amend section one of an act providing for a re-survey of a portion of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon State road, and appropriation of swamp lands for the improvement thereof, approved March 20, 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Luther,

✓ The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Welch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the village of Muir, in Ionia county, to the north line of Isabella county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Welch,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Slafter, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to lay out and improve a State road, to be known as the Genesee and Tuscola State road.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Winsor,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Eldredge, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Grosebeck, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Cobb, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for recording United States revenue stamps;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Gaylord, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Lockwood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. McKernan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county, and for other purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Read, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled "an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June third, 1856," approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. T. G. Smith, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the organization of the village of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, and to legalize certain acts of the board of trustees of said village.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the Board of State Auditors, before the next session of the Legislature of this State, to procure one portfolio of suitable size and quality, for the use of each of the

standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, plainly stamped or marked with the name of the committee for whose use it shall be intended, which shall be deposited in the State Library, to be obtained at the commencement of each session by the chairman of such committee, under the same restrictions, and to be returned to such Library at the end of the session, under the same penalties, as books are obtained and returned to said Library, according to law;

The resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent, Mr. T. G. Smith moved to take from the table the following entitled bills:

House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Also, House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863;

Also, Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the military service of the United States;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the several bills be referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order;

Mr. Erskine moved that the rules be suspended and the bills be put upon their final passage;

Which motion did not prevail;

The motion to refer the bills to the committee of the whole, prevailed.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Barnes in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

1. House bill No. 18, entitled

A bill authorizing the township of Atlas, Genesee county, to raise money by tax to refund bounties voluntarily paid, advanced or pledged by the inhabitants of said township for volunteers,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bills:

2. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, in the county of Macomb, for the year A. D. 1863;

3. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863,

And report the same back to the House without recommendation.

O. M. BARNES, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The amendments made to the first named bill were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The second and third named bills were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sweezey,

The House adjourned until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Freeman: petition of Nathaniel Daniels, James M. Burns and 39 others, for a State road from Wacousta, in Clinton county, to Alma, in Gratiot county;

Also, petition of Lyman T. Cassada and 35 others, for a State road in the counties of Clinton and Gratiot;

Referred to the committee on public lands.

By Mr. H. A. Hayden: petition of D. W. Shaw, O. W. Bean, and 51 other citizens of Jackson, asking an amendment to the game law so as to prevent the netting or trapping of quail and other game.

On motion of Mr. E. G. Morton,

The petition was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to legalize the organization of the village of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, and to legalize certain acts of the board of trustees of said village,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by acts of Congress, approved June 3, 1856, approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee have concluded, in view of the difficulty in procuring laborers during the past two years, together with the greatly enhanced price of railroad iron, to report the bill back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that the same do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By unanimous consent, Mr Deare offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and is hereby instructed to request the Senate to transmit to this House a

copy of the Governor's message, which was presented to that body this morning, if any;

Which was adopted.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to provide for recording United States revenue stamps,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. W. LOCKWOOD, *for Committee.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on salines:

The committee on salines, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the Michigan Salt Company to carry on its business in the counties of Saginaw and Bay,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. B. BLISS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means to whom was referred the memorial of Anthony Cook, Henry Sturgis and 49 others, citizens of the township of Dallas, Clinton county, asking that the tax roll of said township may be legalized, and the time for the collection of the same extended; also,

A bill to legalize the tax roll of Dallas township, in Clin-

ton county, for the year A. D. 1863, and extend the time for the collection of the taxes of the same,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Freeman, |

The amendments made to the bill were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The memorial was laid on the table.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means to whom way referred the petition of the county officers, and other citizens of Allegan county, asking to have the time extended for the collection of taxes in the county of Allegan; also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the county of Allegan to the first Monday of March next,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment to the bill, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY B. DENHAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The House concurred in the amendment made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. McMartin,

The petition was laid on the table.

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

By the committee on education:

The committee on education, to whom was referred

A bill to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the the subject.

W. H. HAZE, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McKernan,

The House concurred in the amendment made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, January 30, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend sections 19, 20 and 21 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of railroad companies, approved February 15, 1859;

2. A bill to extend the time for collection of taxes in the townships of Hudson and Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, and the township of Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale, for the year 1863;

3. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Lansing, in the county of Ingham, for the year 1863;

Which have passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators

elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put upon its final passage.

The bill, being Senate bill, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend sections 19, 20 and 21 of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of railroad companies, approved February 15, 1859,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Porter,
Aldrich,	Grosebeck,	Rankin,
Allen,	Harmon,	Raymond,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Bowen,	Haze,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Stewart,
Combs,	Howard,	Sweezey,
Cook,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Dixen,	Luther,	Welch,
Dockeray,	Mallory,	Weatherby,
Eldredge,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Fellows,	McMartin,	Williams,
Fifield,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fitch,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fowle,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Mosher,	Woodworth,
Green,	Piper,	Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Green,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The rules were suspended, and the bill put on its immediate passage.

The bill, being Senate bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Lansing, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Raymond,
Barnes,	Harmon,	Read,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Haze,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Howard,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Sweezy,
Cook,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Voorhies,
Deare,	Luther,	Welch,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Williams,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Willson,
Fifield,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,

Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,

Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,

Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker, 75

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent, the committee on ways and means submitted the following report:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred

1. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

2. A bill legalizing the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes therein;

3. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county;

4. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863;

5. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

6. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Grosse Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863;

7. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1863;

Also, the petition of ten of the collectors of taxes in Detroit, asking for an extension of time for the collection of taxes in said city;

Most respectfully report that by existing laws the board of supervisors have the power to grant the prayer of the several petitions, and have the best opportunities of knowing the necessities of the case, and as no sufficient reasons have been given your committee showing why this has not been done, have di-

rected me to report the several bills back to the House without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman*,

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The sixth and seventh named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The first, second, third, fourth and fifth named bills were re-committed to the committee on ways and means.

The petition was laid on the table.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Hemingway moved to take from the table House bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Eldredge moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richmond, in the county of Macomb;

Also, House bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, county of Macomb, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bills were placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. E. G. Morton moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the following entitled bills:

House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Also, House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863;

Also, Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. E. G. Morton,

The several bills were made the special order for Monday morning next, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Bliss, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a road, to be known as the East Saginaw and Junction State road.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Bliss,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Williams, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year 1864.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on printing.

Mr. Williams, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature of the year 1864.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on printing.

Mr. Winsor moved to suspend the rule requiring the second

and third reading of bills to be on different days, and that the several bills now on the order of third reading be put upon their final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of State roads and ditches from Alma, in Gratiot county, by way of Maple Rapids, to the south line of Clinton county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Porter,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Raymond,
Bentley, .	Harmon,	Read,
Betts,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Haze,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Hood,	Stewart,
Cook,	Jenison,	Sweezey,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Crane,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Welch,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Williams,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Piper,	Speaker, 63 .

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Mr. Keeney,

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Title agreed to.

House manuscript bill, entitled,

A bill to lay out and improve a State road to be known as the Genesee and Tuscola State road,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Gargett,	Read,
Allen,	Green,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Spencer,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Cobb,	Jenison,	Sweezey,
Combs,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Luther,	Voorhies,
Cook,	Mallary,	Welch,
Cowan,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Crane,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Dixon,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,
Dockeray,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Erskine,	Mosher,	Wight,
Fellows,	Piper,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Porter,	Speaker,
Fowle,	Rankin,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Keeney,	1
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Title agreed to.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the terminus of the Saginaw and Gratiot State road, to the Muskegon river, in Newaygo county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Porter,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Raymond,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Read,
Bliss,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Jenison,	Stewart,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Sweezey,

Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fowle,
Gargett,

Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
NAYS.

Thayer,
Welch,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Speaker, 57
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gargett,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 30, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the enclosed copy of the message received this day from his Excellency the Governor.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The following is the message:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 29, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I recommend legislation upon the following subjects:

1. To authorize corporations organized under general laws, to amend their articles of incorporation;
2. To extend the time for the collection of taxes in the towns and cities where it is necessary;
3. To amend act 238 of the laws of 1863, so as to appoint a new commissioner;
4. To amend the law for recording United States revenue stamps;

5. To legalize the organization of the village of Fenton;
6. To transfer Leelanaw county to the 9th judicial district;
7. To authorize the Governor to convey lands held in trust for Indians in Emmett and Cheboygan counties;
8. To amend the general railroad law, so as to allow juries to be drawn from the jury box of the county.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, January 30, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Lenawee;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction of a State road in Lapeer and Tuscola counties,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to amend the bill by adding a new section thereto, to stand as section 2, as follows:

"Sec. 2. All acts inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed."

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority

of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fowle,	Mr. Mosher,
Aldrich,	Freeman,	Piper,
Allen,	Gargett,	Porter,
Betts,	Green,	Rankin,
Bliss,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Clark,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Cobb,	Haze,	Slafter,
Combs,	Hemingway,	Spencer,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Sprague,
Cook,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Aura Smith,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Deare,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Welch,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Eldredge,	McMartin,	Williams,
Erskine,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Speaker, 57

NAYS.

Mr. Bentley,	Mr. Keeney,	Mr. G. A. Smith, 3
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Title agreed to.

House manuscript bill entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, county of Macomb, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Read,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Cook,	Jenison,	Stewart,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,

Deare,
Dixon,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Luther,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,

Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Willson,
Winsor,
Wight,
Speaker,

61

NAYS.

Mr. Dockeray,

Mr. Tinham,

2

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Speaker,

61

NAYS.

Mr. Aura Smith.

1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1863 in the several townships of the county of Allegan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Mr. Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Wetherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Clark,

1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McMartin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the

townships of Hudson and Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, and the township of Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale, for the year 1863,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The bill was committed to the committee on ways and means.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Piper,
Allen,	Gargett,	Porter,
Betts,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Bliss,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Buckley,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Clark,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Cobb,	Haze,	G. A. Smith,
Combs,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Cook,	Hood,	Sweezey,
Cowan,	Howard,	Tinham,
Crane,	Jenison,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Littlejohn,	Warner,
Dixon,	Luther,	Welch,
Eldredge,	Mallory,	Weatherby,
Erskine,	McKernan,	Williams,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fitch,	H. C. Morten,	Speaker, 57

NAYS.

Mr. Dockeray, 1
Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Grosse Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Piper,
Aldrich,	Green,	Rankin,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Harmon,	Sprague,
Clark,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Howard,	Sweezy,
Cook,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Crane,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Mallary,	Welch,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Eldredge,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Erskine,	E. G. Morton,	Winans,
Fellows,	H. C. Morten,	Winsor,
Fifield,	Mosher,	Speaker,
Fitch,		

61

NAYS.

Mr. Keeney,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Clark,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the tax roll of Dallas township, in Clinton county for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of the taxes of said township,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas, and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. E. G. Morton,
Aldrich,	Gargett,	H. C. Morton,
Allen,	Green,	Piper,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Porter,
Betts,	Griswold,	Rankin,

Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,

Raymond,
Slafter,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Speaker, 58

NAYS.

Mr. Hemingway,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to amend section one of an act providing for a re-survey of a portion of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon State road, and appropriation of swamp lands for the improvement thereof, approved March 20, 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,

Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Grinnell,
Griswold,

Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,

Tinham,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Luther,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the village of Muir, in Ionia county, to the north line of Isabella county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,

Mr. Griswold,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Howard,
Littlejohn,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,

Mr. Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Spragne,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Dockeray,
Jenison,

Mr. Keeney,

Mr. McKernan,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Welch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the organization of the village of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, and to legalize certain acts of the board of trustees of said village,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	Gargett,	Read,
Bentley,	Green,	Slafter,
Betts,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Haze,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Sweezy,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Cook,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Mallary,	Welch,
Crane,	McKernan,	Weatherby,
Deare,	McMartin,	Williams,
Dixon,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,
Dockeray,	H. O. Morton,	Winans,
Erskine,	Mosher,	Winsor,
Fellows,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Fifield,	Porter,	Speaker,
Fitch,	Rankin,	

59

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Harmon asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the

township of Handy, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

The bill was placed upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Porter,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Allen,	Griswold,	Read,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Betts,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Cobb,	Haze,	G. A. Smith,
Combs,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Cook,	Howard,	Sweezey,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Crane,	Luther,	Tinham,
Deare,	Mallery,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Welch,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Erskine,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Winans,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Wight,
Gargett,	Piper,	Speaker,
	YEAS.	63
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent, the committee on ways and means submitted the following report:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Lenawee;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Hudson and Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, and the township of Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments, and without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Green,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the bills by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Raymond,

The bills were placed on the order of third reading.

The committee on ways and means, also submitted the following report:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes therein;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Lyons, Ionia county;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year 1863;

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the

House, with the accompanying amendments, without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Winans,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the several bills by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Erskine,

The several bills were placed on the order of third reading.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Hudson and Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, and the township of Pittsford, in the county of Hillsdale, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Luther,
Mallery,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
Mogher,
Piper,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Thayer,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fowle,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Piper,
Allen,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Bliss,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Clark,	Haze,	Sprague,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Cook,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Crane,	Luther,	Tinham,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Voorheis,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Williams,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Fifield,	M. Miller,	Winans,
Fitch,	J. C. Miller,	Winsor,
Freeman,	E. G. Morton,	Speaker,
Gargett,	H. O. Morton,	

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NAYS.

0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Read,

Allen,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Betts,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Buckley,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Sweezey,
Combs,	Howard,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Tinham,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Luther,	Welch,
Crane,	Mallery,	Weatherby,
Deare,	McMartin,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Winans,
Fifield,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Fitch,	Piper,	Wight,
Freeman,	Rankin,	Speaker,
Gargett,		

64

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Erskine,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Lyons, Ionia county, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Griswold,	Read,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Betts,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Buckley,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,
Clark,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Sweezey,
Cook,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,

Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,

Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Piper,

Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Speaker,

64

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Welch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Green,
Grisweld,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
Mosher,

Mr. Piper,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Speaker,

68

NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Read,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Harmon,	Read,
Allen,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Betts,	Haze,	Sprague,
Bliss,	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Buckley,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Keeney,	Stewart,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Luther,	Tinham,
Crane,	Mallary,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Warner,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Erskine,	H. Miller,	Wheeler,
Fifield,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Gargett,	Mosher,	Winsor,
Green,	Piper,	Wight,
Grinnell,	Porter,	Speaker,
Griswold,		

64

NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rankin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fairfield, in the the county of Lenawee,

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Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Porter,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Allen,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Betts,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer.
Buckley,	Haze,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cook,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Crego,	Luther,	Welch,
Deare,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Williams,
Erskine,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Speaker,
Freeman,	Piper,	

71

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Combs,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 19, being House bill No. 5, as amended, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to lay out and establish a road, to be known as the White Rock and Birmingham State road,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Harmon,	Read,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Haze,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Howard,	Stewart,
Combs,	Jenison,	Tinham,
Congdon,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Cook,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Cowan,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Deare,	Mallary,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Williams,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Wjnans,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Gargett,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Green,	Piper,	Speaker,
Grinnell,	Porter,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Dockeray, Mr. Eldredge, 2

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Winsor,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to lay out and provide for the construction of a State swamp land road from Ionia, in Ionia county, to Smyrna, in the same county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Mosher,
Allen,	Green,	Piper,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Raukin,
Betts,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Haze,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Hood,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Howard,	Thayer,
Cook,	Jenison,	Welch,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Weatherby,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Deare,	Luther,	Williams,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Wilson,
Eldredge,	McKernan,	Winsor,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Wight,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Woodman,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Speaker,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	

59

NAYS.

Mr. Keeney,

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of State roads and ditches, in the counties of Sanilac and Huron,

War read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Porter,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Raymond,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hodgkinson,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hood,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Howard,	T. G. Smith,

Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,

Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,

Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

62

NAYS.

Mr. Woodman,

1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr Wilson,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a road, to be known as the East Saginaw and Junction State road,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Erskine,
Fallows,
Fowle,

Mr. Grinnell,
Griswold,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
John Miller,
E. G. Morton,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slagter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Thayer,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,

Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,

H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,

Wight,
Woodman,
Speaker, 60

NAYS.

Mr. Fifield,

1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bliss,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county, and for other purposes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Deare,
Dixon,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,

Mr. H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Hase,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
McKernan,
E. C. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,

Mr. Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Ara Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Warner,
Welch,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

62

NAYS.

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Mallary,

Mr. Voorheis,

3

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKernan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Woodworth,

The House adjourned until Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Monday, February 1, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent at roll call, without leave, Messrs. H. Hayden and John Miller.

Mr. Winans asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. H. Hayden, for the day, on account of sickness.

Mr. Grinnell asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. John Miller, for an indefinite time, on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Read: petition of the supervisor of the township of Pavilion, Kalamazoo county, praying for an act to legalize the action of that township in raising bounty money;

On motion of Mr. Read,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Fellows: petition of D. C. Powers, E. C. Wilson and 58 others, of the township of Climax, Kalamazoo, county, asking the passage of an act to legalize the proceedings had by said township to raise money to pay volunteers;

On motion of Mr. Fellows,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Hood: petition of Levi B. Littlefield and 53 others, asking for a division of the township of Ash, in the county of Monroe;

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Mallary: proceedings of the township of Washington, Macomb county, in regard to bounties to volunteers;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on the judiciary:

The committee on the judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendments to the bill, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. HEMINGWAY,

For the Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Raukin,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The President announced the following

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 1, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, county of Macomb, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

2. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Handy, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

3 A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county;

4. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

5. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Grosse Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863;

6. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

7. A bill legalizing the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes therein;

8. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1863;

9. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863;

10. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863;

11. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, to the first Monday in March, in the county of Allegan;

12. A bill to legalize the tax roll of Dallas township, in Clinton county, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of the taxes of said township;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate

The several bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 1, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton, on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same;

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended said bill as follows:

1st. In section 5, insert after the word "approved," where it first occurs, the words: "the functions and duties of such three commissioners shall thereby cease, and the Governor may, when the survey and plans for any section of the road is approved, appoint a commissioner who may be selected from the former commissioners or otherwise, who shall be entitled to, and receive for his services and personal expenses, five dollars per day for each day actually employed in the business of the construction of said road, whose duty;"

Also, strike out, in line 4, the words, "the duty of said commissioners."

2d. In section 5, line 12, strike out the word "the," and insert the word "three," in lieu thereof; also strike out all after the word "consanguinity," to and including the word "legislative," in line 13; also, strike out, in line 13, all after the word "be," and insert in lieu thereof, the words: "interested directly or indirectly in any contract for the construction of said road."

3d. In section 6, line 4, strike out the words "a majority of said," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "the;" also, in line 5, strike out the word "them," and insert, in lieu thereof, the word "him."

4th. Strike out the last letter "s" in the word "commissioners," wherever it occurs in section 7.

5th. In section 8, line 5, strike out the words "the completion of said road, and insert in lieu thereof, the words "their report of surveys and specifications shall be made and approv-

ed as aforesaid;" also insert after the word "resignation," in line 6, the words, "the commissioner appointed to superintend such work shall hold his office for four years unless sooner removed, and;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McKernan,

The bill was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 1, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States;

Which has passed the Senate, by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Welch;

Was made the special order at 11 o'clock, in connection with the other bills relating to the same subject.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 1, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, for the extra session, for the year 1864,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, in the last line of section 2, by inserting after the word "to" the word "and;" also, in section 3, line 3, by inserting between the words "and" and "House," the words "Clerk of the;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Read moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Read,
Allen,	Griswold,	Slaster,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Bliss,	Harm-on,	Sprague,
Buckley,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Hood,	Sweezy,
Cook,	Howard,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Voorhies,
Deare,	Luther,	Welch,
Denman,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	McKernan,	Wheeler,

Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gaylord,

McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Rankin,

Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Green offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this Hall be tendered to Hon. H. T. Backus, of Detroit, Tuesday (to-morrow) evening, for the purpose of delivering a lecture on the state of our country;

Which was not adopted.

Mr. H. Miller offered the following:

Resolved, That this House entertain the highest confidence in the ability, integrity and patriotism of his Excellency Governor Blair, and that his administration of the affairs of the State, meets our full approval, and that for his care and fidelity to our citizen soldiery in the field, he is entitled to the thanks of all loyal citizens of the State.

Resolved, That the course pursued by his Excellency in paying the re-enlisted veteran volunteers, the State bounty, meets our approval.

Mr. Hemingway demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution;

The demand was seconded;

Mr. E. G. Morton called for a division of the question, in order that the vote might first be taken on the first part of the first resolution, as follows: "That this House entertain the highest confidence in the integrity and patriotism of His Excellency Governor Blair, and that his administration of the affairs of the State meets our full approval;"

The question being taken on this part of the first resolution, it was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Spencer,
Aldrich,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Allen,	Haze,	G. A. Smith,
Betts,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Bliss,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Buckley,	Lockwood,	Stewart,
Cobb,	Luther,	Sweezey,
Combs,	Mallery,	Thayer,
Cook,	McKernan,	Thomas,
Cowan,	McMartin,	Voorheis,
Crego,	H. Miller,	Warner,
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	Welch,
Dixon,	H. C. Morton,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Mosher,	Wheeler,
Erskine,	Piper,	Williams,
Fellows,	Porter,	Wilson,
Fitch,	Rankin,	Winsor,
Fowle,	Raymond,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Read,	Woodworth,
Gaylord,	Slafter,	Speaker,
Green,		

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Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harmon,	Mr. Keeney,
Congdon,	H. A. Hayden,	Littlejohn,
Deare,	Hodgkinson,	E. G. Morton,
Eldredge,	Howard,	Tinham,
Fifield,	Jenison,	Wight,
Groesebeck,		

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The question recurring on the balance of the first resolution, and the second resolution, it was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Rankin,
Aldrich,	Green,	Raymond,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Read,
Betts,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Groesebeck,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Harmon,	Sprague,
Burt,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Hood,	Sweezey,
Cook,	Howard,	Thayer,

Cowan,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Crane,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Crego,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Denman,	Luther,	Welch,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Eldredge,	McMartin,	Williams,
Erskine,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	J. O. Miller,	Winans,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Gargett,	Porter,	Speaker, 81

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Mr. Howard, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, and the several townships of said counties to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and incorporations.

Mr. Eldredge, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to enable the township of Richmond, in Macomb county, to raise by tax, sums pledged by said township to persons drafted into the military service of the United States;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Mallary, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the people of the township of Washington, in the county of Macomb, in raising money to pay volunteers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Spencer,
Aldrich,	Gargett,	Sprague,
Allen,	Green,	G. A. Smith,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	T. G. Smith,
Betts,	Griswold,	Aura Smith,
Bliss,	Haze,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Swezey,
Burt,	Hood,	Thayer,
Cobb,	Luther,	Thomas,
Combs,	Mallary,	Voorheis,
Cook,	McMartin,	Welch,
Cowan,	H. Miller,	Weatherby,
Crane,	H. C. Morton,	Wheeler,
Orego,	Mosher,	Williams,
Denman,	Piper,	Wilson,
Dixon,	Porter,	Winsor,
Dockeray,	Rankin,	Woodman,
Erskine,	Raymond,	Woodworth,
Fellows,	Read,	Speaker,
Fowle,	Slafter,	

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Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harmon,	Mr. McKernan,
Congdon,	H. A. Hayden,	J. C. Miller,
Deare,	Hodgkinson,	E. G. Morton,
Eldredge,	Howard,	Tinham,
Fifield,	Jenison,	Warner,
Fitch,	Keeney,	Winans,
Gaylord,	Littlejohn,	Wight,
Grosebeck,	Lockwood,	

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Lockwood made the following explanation of his vote, and obtained the consent of the House to have the same entered on the journal:

"I vote *nay* on this question for the reason that in my opinion the latter clause of section 1, of article 7, of the Constitution of Michigan, by clear implication, denies to the Legislature the power to authorize any elector to vote elsewhere than in the town or ward in which he has resided ten days preceding the election."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That from and after 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of February next, the two Houses will transact no business other than for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign enrolled bills for the approval of the Governor, and the entry of the same on the journals of the proper Houses, by the Secretary and Clerk, and the day of final adjournment of this Legislature shall be on Saturday, the 6th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, of that day;

Mr. Welch moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr T. G. Smith moved to amend the resolution by striking out "Thursday, the fourth" and inserting "Friday, the fifth," in lieu thereof;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The resolution was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. E. G. Morton,

The House went into committee of the whole on the special order.

Mr. Woodman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States.

Have made some progress therein, but not having gone through therewith, have directed their chairman to report that fact to the House, and ask leave to sit again.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and leave granted the committee to sit again.

Mr. Read moved that the House take a recess until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Griswold,

The House adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Jenison: petition of Harvey Cook, D. W. O. Chapin, Daniel Scott, and 83 others, residents of Clinton county, for a law confirming and legalizing the transfer of certain real estate by said Harvey Cook to Henry Cronkite;

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The petition was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, and the townships of said counties, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State prison:

The committee on State prison, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to providing additional compensation to officers of the State prison, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report that upon an examination of the present law, they find that salaries are now paid to the officers of the prison as follows, viz: to Agent, \$1,000; to the Deputy Keeper, \$600; to the Clerk, \$600; to the Assistant Keepers, \$500, and to the Chaplain \$500. In the opinion of a majority of the committee, the salaries of the Deputy Keeper, Clerk and Assistant Keepers are insufficient, and are not a fair compensation for the services required and performed, under the present high prices. Your committee do not regard it as necessary to increase their salaries permanently, but have come to the conclusion to recommend increased compensation for the present year, leaving it to a future Legislature to continue or not, such increase, as the times shall indicate. Your committee have therefore prepared a bill, entitled

A bill to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863,

Which provides an additional compensation of \$100 each, to the Deputy Keeper, to the Clerk, and to the Assistant Keepers, for the year commencing December 1, 1863, and recommend the passage of the same, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. GRISWOLD,

G. E. READ,

Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, ordered

printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following;

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 1, 1864.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1863, in the township of Holly, in the county of Oakland;

2. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Woodstock, in the county of Lenawee, for the year 1863;

3. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Romulus, in the county of Wayne, and in the township of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, for the year 1863;

Which have passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Fifield,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Raymond,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. McKernan moved to take from the table, House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton, on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Haze,	Read,
Allen,	Hemingway,	Slafter,
Barnes,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Bentley,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Betts,	Howard,	Stewart,
Buckley,	Jenison,	Sweezy,
Clark,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Cobb,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Combs,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,
Congdon,	Luther,	Warner,
Cook,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Cowan,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Crego,	McMartin,	Williams,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Porter,	Speaker,
Gaylord,		

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Mr. Dockeray,	Mr. Fifield,	Mr. Winsor,
Eldredge,	Grinnell,	

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

Mr. Tinham offered the following:

Whereas, It is stated that the Hon. Edwin Burt, who was elected to represent the county of Isabella, and has recently removed from said county to reside in the county of Saginaw, or some other county in this State; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on elections and privileges be and are hereby instructed to inquire into and report to this House, without delay, whether Hon. Edwin Burt is or is not entitled to a seat in this House, this session.

On motion of Mr. Winsor,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Allen moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to adopt the resolution granting the use of this Hall to Hon. H. T. Backus, on Tuesday evening;

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. H. Miller moved to take from the table the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That from and after 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of February next, the two Houses will transact no business other than for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign enrolled bills for the approval of the Governor, and the entry of the same on the journals of the proper Houses, by the Secretary and Clerk, and the day of final adjournment of this Legislature shall be on Saturday, the 6th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, of that day;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The further consideration of the resolution was postponed for one day.

Mr. Barnes, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to amend section 1, of act number 101, of the session laws of 1863, entitled an act to provide for recording United States internal revenue stamps affixed to instruments authorized by law to be recorded, and to add another section thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,
On motion of Mr. Barnes,
The bill was laid on the table

SPECIAL ORDER

On motion of Mr. E. G. Morton,

The House went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Woodman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Hemingway moved that the amendments made to the bill be concurred in, *in gross*;

Mr. Gaylord called for a division on the amendment made to the bill by the committee, striking out sections 6 and 7;

Mr. Denham called for a division on the amendment striking out the words "by ballot," in the second line of section 2;

Mr. Raukin called for a division on the amendment to section 2, striking out in lines 13 and 14, the following words: "or other evidences of indebtedness that may have been issued by said township or city, to raise bounties heretofore paid, or for interest due thereon;"

The question first being on concurring in the various other amendments made to the bill by the committee,

They were concurred in.

The question then being on concurring in the amendment

striking out the words "by ballot," in the second line of section 2,

The amendment was concurred in.

The amendment to section 2, striking out in lines 13 and 14, the words "or other evidences of indebtedness that may have been issued by said township or city, to raise bounties heretofore paid, or for interest due thereon,"

Was not concurred in.

The question recurring on the amendment striking out sections 6 and 7,

Mr. Thomas demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the amendment;

The demand was seconded, and the amendment was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Fifield,	Mr. Read,
Allen,	Fowle,	G. A. Smith,
Barnes,	Green,	T. G. Smith,
Bentley,	Haze,	Stewart,
Betts,	Hood,	Sweezey,
Buckley,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Cobb,	Littlejoen,	Voorheis,
Combs,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Cook,	Mallary,	Wheeler,
Crane,	McKernan,	Winans,
Denman,	McMartin,	Winsor,
Eldredge,	H. Miller,	Woodman,
Erskine,	E. G. Morton,	Woodworth,
Fellows,	Piper,	

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Mr. Bliss,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Raymond,
Burt,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Clark,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Congdon,	H. A. Hayden.	Sprague,
Cowan,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Crego,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Deare,	Howard,	Tinham,
Dixon,	Keeney,	Welch,
Dockeray,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Fitch,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Willson,

Gargett,
Gaylord,
Grinnell,

Mosher,
Porter,
Rankin,

Wight,
Speaker,

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Mr. Lockwood moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to incorporate therein the essential provisions contained in House bill No. 7;

Mr. Barnes moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "the committee on ways and means," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "a select committee of five;"

Which amendment was accepted.

The question being on recommitting the bill, with instructions,

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the Speaker be chairman of the committee;

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced, as the other members of the committee, Messrs. Lockwood, Griswold, Eldredge and Barnes.

Mr. Lockwood asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the House to introduce

A bill to authorize the county of Wayne to pay the bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lansing, Tuesday, February 2, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Parsons: petition of the township board of the town of Caledonia, asking that the proceedings of said township in raising money to pay volunteers, be legalized;

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Fellows: petition of M. B. Cobb, A. H. Scott and 60 others, of the township of Schoolcraft, in Kalamazoo county, asking the passage of an act allowing them to raise a bounty to pay volunteers;

On motion of Mr. Fellows,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Woodman: remonstrance of S. I. Conway, C. H. Streeter, H. D. Leasner, Josiah J. Miller and 127 other citizens of the townships of Lafayette, Antwerp, Almena, Waverly, Bloomingdale and Pine Grove, in the county of Van Buren, against the passage of a law enabling said towns to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw to the village of Lawton;

Also, memorial of the stockholders of the Paw Paw railroad;

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

The remonstrance and memorial were laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State affairs:

The committee on State affairs, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on State affairs be and are hereby instructed to inquire into, and report upon the necessity for amendments to the volunteer family relief law, so as to provide for the relief of the families of those volunteers who have been credited to counties other than those in which their families reside,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the subject is not properly before us by recommendation of the Governor. Your committee have

directed me to report the same back without any recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. E. READ, Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The resolution was laid on the table.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the following petitions, memorials and remonstrances:

Petition of the township board of the township of Lima, in Washtenaw county, asking that a law may be passed authorizing that township to assess and collect a tax heretofore voted to pay bounties;

Of the township board of Lodi, Washtenaw county;

" " " Northfield, "

" " " Pokagon, Cass county;

" " " Westphalia, Clinton county;

" " " Emmet, Calhoun county;

" " " Bath, Clinton county;

Of Wm. Van Dyke and 47 others, citizens of Riley, Clinton county;

Of Henry M. Perrin and 86 legal voters of Bingham, Clinton county;

Of J. C. Brunson and 90 others, citizens of Victor, Clinton county, asking that said township be authorized to raise \$1,300 by tax, to pay bounties to volunteers;

Of A. H. Hill and 77 others, citizens of the township of Alamo, Kalamazoo county;

Of the township board of Byron, Kent county, asking that the action of said township board, in issuing bonds to pay bounties may be legalized, and they be authorized to levy a tax to pay said bonds;

Of the township board of the township of Wheatland, Ionia county;

Of Isaac Bowen and 101 others, citizens of Quincy, Branch county;

Of Daniel G. Colwell and 26 others, citizens of Tyrore, Livingston county;

Proceedings of the township board of Port Haron, St. Clair county, relative to raising money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Of J. P. Benjamin and 63 others, voters of the township of Brandon, Oakland county, asking that the action of said township may be legalized, and the township board be authorized to issue bonds, to bear interest not to exceed ten per cent., to pay bounties to volunteers;

Of John M. Glavin and 29 others, citizens of Chickaming, township, Berrien county;

Proceedings of a special meeting of the township of Camden, Hillsdale county, in raising a bounty of \$100 to each recruit or drafted man credited on the quota of the township on the present draft;

Proceedings of a special township meeting, of the township of Washington, Macomb county, in voting to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers;

Of John Clark and 72 others, citizens of Metamora, Lapeer county, asking that the action of said township in voting to raise the sum of \$100 for each volunteer or drafted man, to fill the quota of said township, may be legalized;

Of George Smith and 55 others, citizen of Watertown, Clinton county, asking that the said township may be authorized to raise a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for each man drafted, or who may enlist from said township;

Of J. L. Valade and 28 others, tax-payers of the township of Erie, in Monroe county, asking the passage of a law authorizing the levy of a tax on townships and wards, and not on counties, to refund money subscribed by citizens, and paid to encourage enlistments, and that a law may be passed to pay a liberal State bounty hereafter, and to prohibit local bounties;

Of Charles Porter and 19 others, citizens of Oakland county, asking that such persons as were drafted in November last,

and paid their commutation, or went into the service, or furnished a substitute, be exempted from the tax raised to pay volunteers;

Remonstrance of Robert Worden and 9 others, citizens of Green Oak, in Livingston county, against legalizing the action of said township in voting a tax to raise bounties to volunteers;

Also, a paper endorsed "remonstrance of W. W. Dean and 8 others, citizens of Green Oak, Livingston county," against legalizing the action of said township in raising bounties for volunteers;

Also the following bills:

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of the county of Livingston, in loaning money and issuing bonds to pay bounties to volunteers, and authorize the said board to provide, by tax, for the payment of such bonds;

A bill to authorize and direct the supervisor of the township of Emmet, Calhoun county, to levy a tax on said township, to refund money hired to pay bounties to volunteers;

A bill to legalize the action of the township of Washington, in the county of Macomb, in raising money to pay volunteers;

A bill to enable the township of Richmond, Macomb county, to raise, by tax, the sums pledged by said township to persons drafted into the military service of the United States;

Having had under consideration the foregoing petitions, memorials and bills, all of which have reference to the subject of bounties, respectfully report that the whole subject was examined in the report of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, which was printed in the Journal of the 28th of January, and is also embraced in the general bill presented with said report, so far as your committee can consistently recommend action thereon, and would respectfully return herewith the petitions, memorials and bills, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Denman,

The several petitions, memorials and bills were laid on the table.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom way referred

A bill to authorize the county of Wayne to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers, or to issue bonds therefor,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the the subject,

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the question of concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Warner,

The bill was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

The select committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

With certain instructions, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment, according to the instructions, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. W. LOCKWOOD, *for Committee.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The House concurred in the amendment made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was made the special order for to-day.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Eldredge moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to enable the township of Richmond, Macomb county, to pay amounts pledged by said township to persons drafted into the service of the United States;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Mallary moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the action of the people of the township of Washington, in the county of Macomb, in raising money to pay volunteers;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Allen, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, for the year 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was laid on the table.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, for the year 1863, in the township of Holly, in the county of Oakland,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slaffter,

Betts,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Stewart,
Combs,	Howard,	Sweeney,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	Luther,	Warner,
Dockeray,	Mallory,	White,
Eldredge,	McKernan,	Williams,
Erskine,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fifield,	E. G. Morton,	Wineor,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Speaker,
Gargett,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fifield,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, for the year 1863, in the township of Woodstock, in the county of Lenawee,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Rankin,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Allen,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Barnes,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer.
Betts,	Haze,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Howard,	Stewart,
Combs,	Jenison,	Sweeney,
Congdon,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thomas,

Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,
Fisfield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,

Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Combs,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Romulus, in the county of Wayne, and the township of Lapeer, in the county of Lapeer, for the year 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Erskine,
Fellows,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
McMartin,
H. Miller,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,

Fifield,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,	
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,	
Fowle,	H. O. Morton,	Winsor,	
Freeman,	Mosher,	Wight,	
Gargett,	Parsons,	Speaker,	75
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That from and after 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, the fourth day of February next, the two Houses will transact no business other than for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign enrolled bills for the approval of the Governor, and the entry of the same on the journals of the proper Houses by the Secretary and Clerk, and the day of final adjournment of this Legislature shall be on Saturday, the 6th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, of that day;

The question pending being on striking out "Thursday, the 4th," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "Friday, the 5th;"

Mr. T. G. Smith moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Lockwood moved as a substitute for the amendment, to strike out the words "12 o'clock, noon, on," where they first occur in the resolution, and insert in lieu thereof, the words "the evening of;"

Which motion prevailed.

The amendment was then adopted.

Mr. Wilson moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "next," where it occurs in the resolution after the word "February," and inserting the word "instant," in lieu thereof;

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Crego,

The House went into committee of the whole on the special order,

Mr. Woodman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made to the bill by the committee,

Mr. Hemingway called for a division on the amendment striking out the words "after the present quota from this State shall be filled," in the third line of section six;

The question first being on concurring in the other amendments made to the bill, they were concurred in.

The question recurring on the amendment striking out the words "after the present quota from this State shall be filled,"

The amendment was not concurred in.

Mr. Wheeler moved to amend the bill by striking out sections 6 and 7;

Mr. Deare offered the following as a substitute for section 6:

"Sec. 6. There shall be paid from the war fund of this State, a uniform State bounty of \$100 to each volunteer that may enlist and be mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, lower in rank than a commissioned officer, from said State."

Which was not adopted.

The question being on the amendment to strike out sections 6 and 7,

Mr. Howard demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the amendment was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Thomas,
Aldrich,	H. Miller,	Welch,
Allen,	Piper,	Weatherby,
Buckley,	Raymond,	Wheeler,
Cobb,	Spencer,	Winans,
Combs,	Sprague,	Winsor,
Denman,	Aura Smith,	Woodworth,
Fellows,	Stewart,	

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Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. E. G. Morton,
Beakes,	Gargett,	H. C. Morton,
Bentley,	Gaylord,	Mosher,
Betts,	Grinnell,	Parsons,
Bliss,	Griswold,	Porter,
Burt,	Grosebeck,	Rankin,
Clark,	Harmon,	Read,
Congdon,	H. A. Hayden,	Slafter,
Cook,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Cowan,	Hemingway,	Sweezey,
Crane,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Crego,	Hood,	Tinham,
Deare,	Howard,	Voorheis,
Dixon,	Keeney,	Warner,
Dockeray,	Littlejohn,	White,
Eldredge,	Lockwood,	Williams,
Erskine,	Luther,	Wilson,
Fifield,	Mallary,	Wight,
Fitch,	McKernan,	Woodman,
Fowle,	J. C. Miller,	Speaker,

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Mr. Hemingway moved that the bill be laid on the table, and ordered printed, as amended by the House;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House adjourned until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 2, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be authorized to cause 3,000 extra copies of the census returns and statistics for 1864 to be published in cheap book form, for distribution to township and school district libraries and the several State libraries,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same by striking out the words "in cheap book form," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "and bound with the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendment made to the resolution by the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Woodman offered the following:

Resolved, That from and after this day the daily sessions of this House shall commence at 9 o'clock in the morning;

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to enable the township of Richmond, Macomb county, to raise by tax sums pledged by said township to persons drafted into the military service of the United States,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Eldredge,

The bill was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Being the consideration of the following entitled bills:

House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to authorize townships, counties and cities to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Also, House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, approved March 6, 1863;

Also, Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States;

On motion of Mr. Read,

The several bills were laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Sweezey,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Lockwood in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

1. A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, and certain other townships and incorporated villages in said county, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in

the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or to some other point on the Michigan Central railroad,

Have adopted a substitute therefor, and have directed their chairman to report said substitute back to the House, asking concurrence of the House therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bills:

2. A bill to provide for recording United States revenue stamps;

3. A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June 3, 1856, approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862;

4. A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bills:

5. A bill to authorize the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, and the several townships of said counties, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo;

6. A bill to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State Prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863,

Have made no amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bill:

7. A bill to legalize the action of the township of Washington, in the county of Macomb, in raising money to pay volunteers,

Have made an amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House without recommendation.

T. W. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The amendments made by the committee to first, second, third and fourth named bills were concurred in, and the several bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Luther,

The fifth named bill was recommitted to the committee on banks and incorporations, with instructions to so amend the same as to make it applicable to towns only, instead of either counties or towns, as it now provides.

The sixth named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Mallary,

The seventh named bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 2, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

An act to authorize the several townships, cities and incorporated villages in any of the counties on the line of the Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad, to aid in the construction of said railroad;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. T. G. Smith moved that the rule be suspended requiring the third reading of bills to be on a day subsequent to that on which such bills shall have passed the committee of the whole, and that the several bills now on the order of third reading be put upon their final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State Prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Betts,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Rankin,

Mr. Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Weatherby,
White,
Williams,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker, 66

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Mr. Bentley,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Littlejohn,	
Cowan,	Harmon,	J. C. Miller,	
Dockeray,	Hood,	Tinham,	9

Title agreed to.

House bill No. 23, entitled

A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled "an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June third, 1856," approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Grisweld,	Mr. Raymond,	
Aldrich,	Harmon,	Read,	
Allen,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,	
Beakes,	Haze,	Spencer,	
Bentley,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,	
Betts,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,	
Bliss,	Hood,	Aura Smith,	
Buckley,	Howard,	Stewart,	
Cobb,	Jenison,	Sweezey,	
Combs,	Keeney,	Thayer,	
Congdon,	Littlejohn,	Thomas,	
Cook,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,	
Cowan,	Luther,	Warner,	
Crane,	Mallery,	Weatherby,	
Deare,	McMartin,	Wheeler,	
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	White,	
Dockeray,	E. G. Morton,	Williams,	
Fellows,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,	
Fitch,	Mosher,	Winsor,	
Fowle,	Parsons,	Wight,	
Freeman,	Piper,	Woodman,	
Gaylord,	Porter,	Speaker,	63
Green,	Rankin,		

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Mr. Burt,	Mr. Dixon,	Mr. Grinnell,	
Clark,	Gargett,		5

Title agreed to.

House bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to provide for recording United States revenue stamps,
Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the mem-
bers elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Porter,	
Aldrich,	Green;	Rankin,	
Allen,	Grinnell,	Raymond,	
Barnes,	Griswold,	Read,	
Beakes,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,	
Bentley,	Harmon,	Spencer,	
Betts,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,	
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,	
Burt,	Haze,	Aura Smith,	
Clark,	Hemingway,	Stewart,	
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Sweezey,	
Combs,	Hood,	Thayer,	
Congdon,	Howard,	Thomas,	
Cook,	Jenison,	Tinham,	
Cowan,	Keeney,	Voorheis,	
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Warner,	
Crego,	Lockwood,	Weatherby,	
Deare,	Luther,	Wheeler,	
Denman,	Mallary,	White,	
Dixon,	McMartin,	Williams,	
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	Wilson,	
Eldredge,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,	
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Winsor,	
Fifield,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,	
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodman,	
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodworth,	
Gargett,	Piper,	Speaker,	81

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The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. Lockwood offered the following as a substitute therefor:

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act to provide
for recording United States internal revenue stamps affixed to
instruments authorized by law to be recorded, approved March
14, 1863;

Which was adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Parsons,
Aldrich,	Green,	Piper,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Barnes,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Betts,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Combs,	Hood,	Sweezy,
Oongdon,	Howard,	Thayer,
Cook,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Voorheis,
Crego,	Littlejohn,	Warner,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Dixon,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Mallery,	Wheeler,
Eldredge,	McMartin,	White,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Fifield,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Woodworth,
Gargett,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, and certain other townships and incorporated

villages in said county, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or to some other point on the Michigan Central railroad,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. J. O. Miller,
Aldrich,	Gargett,	E. G. Morton,
Allen,	Gaylord,	H. C. Morton,
Barnes,	Green,	Mosher,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Parsons,
Betts,	Griswold,	Piper,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	Porter,
Buckley,	Harmon,	Rankin,
Burt,	H. A. Hayden,	Raymond,
Cobb,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Cook,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Cowan,	Howard,	Stewart,
Crane,	Jenison,	Sweezy,
Deare,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Dixon,	Littlejohn,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Lockwood,	White,
Eldredge,	Luther,	Williams,
Fellows,	Mallary,	Winans,
Fitch,	McMartin,	Woodman,
Fowle,	H. Miller,	Woodworth, 63

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Mr. Beakes,	Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Tinham,
Clark,	Sprague,	Voorheis, 6

The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. Woodman offered the following as a substitute therefor:

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or some other point on the Michigan Central railroad;

Which was adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent, the committee on printing submitted the following report:

The committee on printing, to whom was referred

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature of the year 1864,

Have instructed their chairman to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same be amended by inserting at the end of 9th line of said resolution, the words, "and joint documents of the Senate and House of Representatives," and when so amended, that said joint resolution do pass; also,

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year 1864,

To which your committee have made no amendment, and recommend that the same do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. H. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The House concurred in the amendment made by the committee to the first named joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The rules were suspended, and the joint resolutions were put upon their immediate passage.

House joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature, of the year A. D. 1864,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,

Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morten,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,

Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Mr. Tingham,

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Title agreed to.

House joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year A. D. 1864,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,

Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	Aura Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	Stewart,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Sweezy,
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Combs,	Hood,	Thomas,
Congdon,	Howard,	Tinham,
Cook,	Jenison,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Warner,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Welch,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Weatherby,
Deare,	Luther,	Wheeler,
Denman,	Maltary,	White,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Eldredge,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Fellows,	Mosher,	Winsor,
Fifield,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Fowle,	Porter,	Speaker,
Freeman,		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 3, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Mr. Eldredge asked and obtained leave of absence for himself, for an indefinite time, on account of sickness.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Luther: petition of W. H. Bond and 53 others, citizens of Ottawa county, praying for the laying out and establishing of a State road running from Nunica, in Ottawa county, to Muskegon, in Muskegon county.

On motion of Mr. Luther,

The petition was laid on the table.

By Mr. Parsons: petition of H. Lytle, R. B. Wyles and 26

others, citizens of the township of Venice, in the county of Shiawassee, asking that the proceedings of said township in raising money to pay volunteers, be legalized.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The petition was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on banks and incorporations:

The committee on banks and incorporations, to whom was re-committed, with instructions,

A bill to authorize the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, and the several townships of said counties, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, amended as instructed by the House, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JAS. A. SWEEZEY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on military affairs:

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the "petition of Capt. Abner B. Wood, 1st Lieut. Porter K. Perrin and 148 other officers and privates belonging to the 27th regiment of Michigan infantry volunteers, requesting that measures be taken to secure to said petitioners the payment of the State bounty authorized by an act of the Legislature passed at the last session thereof, which bounty was promised to said petitioners at the time of their enlistment,"

Have had the same under consideration and respectfully re-

port, that section 1 of act No. 51 of the laws of 1863, reads as follows:

"Sec. 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to cause to be paid from the war fund, such uniform bounty as he shall deem necessary, not exceeding fifty dollars, to each volunteer, non-commissioned officer, musician or private that may enlist and be mustered into the military service of the United States, in any regiment, battery or company, heretofore mustered from this State into the military service of the United States, or now organizing for such service: *Provided* That no bounty shall be paid to any person enlisted previous to the time when this act shall take effect."

It was evidently the intention of the Legislature to leave the matter with the Governor to fix the amount, and pay or discontinue the same, whenever, "in his discretion," the interest of the State and condition of the country might seem to require it. Accordingly on the 15th of March, 1863, the Governor ordered that a uniform State bounty of fifty dollars be paid to volunteers enlisting into the regiments and batteries of this State. This bounty was paid until about the 10th of November last, when the President made a further call for three hundred thousand volunteers; and to encourage enlistments under the call, the war department offered bounties of \$400 to veterans and \$300 to new recruits. In view of these very liberal bounties of the General Government, and the limited amount of the "war loan fund," the Governor discontinued the payment of the State bounty by "general order," dated Nov. 10, 1863.

It further appears that the petitioners enlisted and were mustered into the service of the United States, subsequent to that date, and therefore stand upon the same footing with all the volunteers that have enlisted to fill the quota of the State under the last call of the President for three hundred thousand men. The committee have therefore instructed me to report the petition back to the House, with the recommendation that

the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. J. WOODMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The petition was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution to authorize the Governor to convey certain lands to certain Indians, for whom the same are held in trust,

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. E. G. Morton,

The rule requiring the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, was suspended, and

The joint resolution was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,

Mr. Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer.
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,

Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Denman,
Dockerau,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,

Hood,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,

Aura Smith,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Wight,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Mr. Bentley,

Mr. J. C. Miller,

Mr. Stewart,

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Title agreed to.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ingersoll, in the county of Midland, and to legalize the tax roll of said township;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill legalizing the action of certain counties in reference to the payment of bounties to persons mustered into the United States service;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds all the Senators elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to legalize the organization of the village of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, and to legalize certain acts of the board of trustees of said village;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution relative to the relief of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same by striking out the words "or sub-district," in the line next to the last, and by adding to the end of the resolution, the words:

"And it shall be the duty of the supervisor of each township, to furnish relief to the families of volunteers who are credited to such township: *Provided*, The families resided in this State at the time of the enlistment of the volunteer, and are in circumstances entitling them to relief under the provisions of the act aforesaid;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Howard moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,

Mr. Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,

Cobb,	Howard,	Aura Smith,	
Combs,	Jenison,	Stewart,	
Congdon,	Keeney,	Sweezey,	
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,	
Crane,	Lockwood,	Thomas,	
Orego,	Mallary,	Tinham,	
Denman,	McMartin,	Voorheis,	
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	Weatherby,	
Fitch,	J. O. Miller,	Wheeler,	
Fowle,	E. G. Morton,	White,	
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Williams,	
Gaylord,	Mosher,	Wilson,	
Griswold,	Parsons,	Woodman,	
Grosebeck,	Piper,	Speaker,	63
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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson and Eaton, and the cities and townships of such counties, and of Barry and Kent, and the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same as follows:

1st. In section 1, line 4, by striking out the words "subscribe to the stock and;" also, in line 5, by striking out the word "of," where it first occurs.

2d. By striking out all of section 2.

3d. In section 3, line 5, by striking out the word "stock;" also, in line 10, by striking out the words "stock or," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "or other;" also, in line 12, by inserting the word "or" after the word "council;" also, in line 14, by striking out the words "stock or."

4th. In section 4, line 1, by striking out the words "subscription or;" also, in line 6, by striking out the words "subscription for stock or."

5th. In section 6, line 12, by striking out the words "subscription for stock or;" also, in line 14, by striking out the words, "the final votes taken by such meeting shall be *viva voce*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "the main question for or against such loan or aid, shall be determined by ballot, on which shall be written or printed, 'aid for railroad—yes;' 'aid for railroad—no;' but all other questions may be determined by a *viva voce* vote.

6th. In section 8, by striking out all of line 9, after the word "clerk," and all of lines 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16; also, in section 8, line 18, by striking out, between the words "such" and "bonds," the word "stock."

7th. In section 9, line 1, by striking out after the word "such," the words "subscription for stock and;" also, in line 4, by striking out the words "subscription or."

8th. In section 10, line 5, by inserting the word "so" between the words "be" and "kept."

9th. In section 11, line 2, by striking out the following words in the last part of the line, viz: "by subscribing for the stock of any rail;" also, in line 3, by striking out the two first words in the line, viz: "railroad company," and by striking out the following words from the end of the line, viz: "together with the dividends arising from;" also, in line 4, by striking out the two first words in the line, viz: "such stock," and by striking out the following words from the end of the line, viz: "issued to meet the said subscription."

11th. In section 10, line 5, by inserting the word "so," between the word "be" and "kept."

12th. In section 11, line 2, by striking out the words "by subscribing for the stock of any rail;" also, in line 3, by striking out the words "road company," and the words "together with the dividends arising from;" also, in line 4, by striking out the words "such stock," and the words "issued to

meet the said subscription;" also by adding to the end of the section, the following: "*Provided*, No bonds or other evidences of debt issued under the provisions of this act shall be negotiated or delivered to the treasurer of any county, township, city or village, for any railroad company, or said bonds or other evidences of debt or moneys arising from the sale of the same, be delivered or paid over to said railroad company until the ties shall be delivered on the line of said road, and the road bed thereof, including all bridges, culverts, cattle guards and road crossings, shall be fully completed and ready for the iron within the limits of the municipalities rendering such aid; but in the case of aid rendered by a county, the board of supervisors may provide for the delivery of one-half the bonds upon the completion of one-half, or some larger portion of such work in said county."

13th. By striking out section 12.

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. H. A. Hayden moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Aura Smith,
Thayer,
Thomas,

Crane,	Littlejohn,	Warner,
Crego,	Luther,	Welch,
Denman,	Mallary,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Wheeler,
Eldredge,	H. Miller,	White,
Fitch,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Fowle,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,
Gargett,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Gaylord,	Parsons,	Woodworth,
Griannell,	Piper,	Speaker,
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Mr. Fifield,
Sprague,

Mr. Sweezey,

Mr. Voorheis,

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1863. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same as follows:

1st. In section 2, line 4, by striking out the word "stock."

2d. In section 3, line 1, by inserting between the words "sale" and "loan," the word "or," also by striking out the words "or guaranty;" also, in line 5, by striking out the words "guarantees of;" also, in line 4, by striking out all after the word "shall," where it first occurs, to and including the word "for," where it first occurs in line 5; also, by striking out all of said section after and including the word "and," where it first occurs in line 7.

3d. In section 4, line 4, by inserting after the word "give," the words "ten days," and by inserting after the words "hand-bill," the words "in at least five public places in each township and ward;" also, in line 6, by striking out all after the word "pause" to and including the word "and," where it first occurs in line 7; also, in line 9, by striking out all after the word "township" to and including the word "meeting," in line 10; also, in line 12, by striking out the words "guaranty of;" also, by striking out all of line 14, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "the question of raising money, as aforesaid, to aid in the construction of said railroad shall be determined by ballot but other questions coming before said meeting may be determined by a *viva voce* vote;" also, in line 15, by inserting the word "by" where the word "in" is stricken out.

4th. In section 6, line 3, by striking out the words "or the executing of any guaranty;" also, in line 4, by striking out the words "and such guarantees;" also, in line 17, by inserting, after the word "council," the word "or," and by striking out the words "or committee of electors."

5th. In section 7, line 8, by inserting the word "or" after the word "board;" also, by striking out the words "or committee."

6th. In section 8, line 7, by striking out the words "council or committee."

7th. In section 9, line 6, by striking out the words "or guaranty of its bonds;" also, in line 8, by striking out the words "and guarantees."

8th. By striking out all of section 10, and inserting the following to stand in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 10. No bonds, money, or other evidences of debt, shall be delivered to the treasurer of any township, city or village, for any railroad company, until all the terms and conditions required by the vote of the townships, cities or villages, or the proper authorities thereof, shall have been fully complied with: *Provided*, That no bonds, or other evidences of debt, or the moneys arising from the sale of the same, be delivered or paid over to said railroad company, until the ties shall be furnished

and delivered on the line of the road, and the road bed thereof, including all bridges, culverts, cattle-guards and road crossings, shall be fully completed, and ready for the iron within the limits of the municipalities rendering such aid;”

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Buckley moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Piper,
Allen,	Henry Hayden,	Porter,
Bentley,	Haze,	Rankin,
Bliss,	Hemingway,	Raymond,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	Read,
Cobb,	Hood,	Slafter,
Combs,	Howard,	G. A. Smith,
Cook,	Jenison,	T. G. Smith,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Aura Smith,
Crane,	Littlejohn,	Stewart,
Denman,	Lockwood,	Sweezy,
Dockeray,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Eldredge,	Mallory,	Warner,
Fitch,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Fowle,	H. Miller,	Wheeler,
Freeman,	J. C. Miller,	White,
Gargett,	E. G. Morton,	Williams,
Gaylord,	H. C. Morton,	Woodman,
Green,	Mosher,	Speaker,
Grinnell,	Parsons,	

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Mr. Clark,	Mr. Fifield,	Mr. Thomas,
Crego,	H. A. Hayden.	

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

Mr. Welch moved to take from the table the petition of Capt. A. B. Wood, 1st Lieut. Porter K. Perrin and 148 other officers and privates belonging to the 27th regiment of Michigan infantry volunteers, requesting measures to be taken to secure to said petitioners the payment of the State bounty authorized by an act of the Legislature, passed at the last session thereof, which bounty was promised to said petitioners at the time of their enlistment;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Welch,

The petition was ordered printed in the journal.

The following is the petition:

To the Legislature of the State of Michigan:

We, the undersigned, officers and privates in the 27th Michigan infantry volunteers, humbly petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan that the State bounty of fifty dollars, heretofore paid to volunteers in the army of the United States, but subsequently withdrawn by the State Executive, be revived and paid to recruits for this regiment, as your petitioners enlisted into the service of the United States with the expectation that said State bounty would be paid, and your petitioners will ever pray.

Ovid, January 19th, 1864.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Welch offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and he is hereby directed to draw the certificates for the payment of members of this House, to and including Saturday, the 6th day of February, the day of the final adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. Deare demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution;

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Barnes,
Betts,

Mr. Fowle,
Haze,

Mr. Aura Smith,
Tinham,

Bliss,
Cook,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Hemingway,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
McMartin,

Weatherby,
Williams,
Wight,

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NAYS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dockeray,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,

Mr. Parsons,
Piper,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Senpcer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Wheeler,
White,
Wilson,
Woodman,
Woodworth,

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Mr. Howard, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon, to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Allen, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the action of the township of York in reference to raising volunteers;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of rule 28 of this House as requires the second and third reading of bills to be on different days, be suspended during the remainder of this session;

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House bill No. 26, entitled

A bill to authorize the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, and the several townships of said counties, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Denman asked the unanimous consent of the House to amend section 1 of the bill by inserting in line 3, after the word "counties," the words "also certain townships in Cass county;" also, by inserting in the fifth line of the same section, after the word "Berrien," the words "or to connect with the Michigan Central railroad at some more convenient point."

Objected to Mr. J. C. Miller.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Burt,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Dockeray,
Fitch,

Mr. Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Luther,
McMartin,

Mr. Parsons,
Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Welch,
Weatherby,
White,

Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,

Williams,
Wilson,
Wight,
Woodman, .57

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Mr. Beakes,
Bentley,

Mr. Clark,

Mr. Sprague,

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The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. Howard offered the following as a substitute therefor:

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo;

Which was adopted.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ingersoll, in the county of Midland, and to legalize the tax roll of said township,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was committed to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Hemingway, unanimous consent being given, moved to take from the table Senate bill No. 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Beakes moved to amend the bill as follows:

After the word "money," in line 2, section 1, insert "or shall have authorized or directed a committee of citizens, or any township officer, or officers, to hire, advance or raise money;" after the word "hired," in line 9, insert "or so authorized, or directed to be hired, advanced or raised;" after the word "raised," in line 14, insert the word "advanced;" after "aforesaid," in line 16, insert "or for the collection of the amount of money hired, advanced or raised, as aforesaid, under authority as aforesaid;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Gaylord moved to amend the bill as follows:

In section 4, line 15, by striking out the word "two" and inserting "three;" in line 16, by striking out the words "for three hundred thousand men," and inserting "aforesaid;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the bill in section 1, by inserting in line 8, after the words "United States," the following: "or with the object and to the end of encouraging the procuring of substitutes by persons who may have been, or shall be drafted into said service, or to encourage drafted men to enter into said service personally;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Read moved to amend the bill by striking out the proviso at the end of section four, and inserting the following proviso at the end of section 8: "*Provided*, That none of the bounties provided for in this act shall be paid to any volunteer, being a resident of this State at the time of enlisting, who shall be credited to any sub district, township or ward other than that in which he resided at the time of such enlistment;"

Mr. Barnes moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "he," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "is enrolled, or, if not enrolled, where he resided at the time of enlistment;"

Which amendment was accepted.

The amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Eldredge moved to amend the bill by inserting in the fourth line of section 2, after the word "United States," the following: "or have offered or agreed to pay any bounty to any person who may have been drafted into said service for serving therein either in person or by substitute;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lockwood moved to amend the bill in section 3, line 1, by inserting after the figures "1864," the words, "or the call previous thereto;" also, in same section, line 15, by inserting after the word "time," the words "in such manner;"

Which motion prevailed.

Mr Beakes moved to amend the bill by striking out all of section 8, except the proviso, and substituting the following in place thereof:

"Sec. 8. There shall be paid from the war fund of this State, a uniform State bounty of one hundred dollars to each person below the rank of a commissioned officer, who may hereafter enlist and be mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, and who shall be credited on the quota of this State, or any military district thereof, under any call or order of the President, or military authorities of the United States, or of this State, made or issued since the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Mr. Beakes demanded the yeas and nays, on the adoption of the amendment.

The demand was seconded, and the amendment was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Fowle,	Mr. E. G. Morton,
Aldrich,	Freeman,	Mosher,
Allen,	Gargett,	Parsons,
Barnes,	Gaylord,	Piper,
Beakes,	Green,	Porter,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Betts,	Griswold,	Read,
Bliss,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Burt,	Harmon,	Sweezey,
Clark,	H. A. Hayden,	Thayer,
Cobb,	Henry Hayden,	Thomas,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Voorheis,
Cook,	Howard,	Warner,
Cowan,	Jenison,	White,
Deare,	Keeney,	Wilson,
Dixon,	Lockwood,	Winans,
Dockeray,	Luther,	Wight,
Eldredge,	Mallary,	Woodman,
Field,	McMartin,	Speaker,
Fitch,	J. C. Miller,	

NAYS.

Mr. Buckley,
Combs,
Crane,
Crego,
Denman,
Fellows,
Haze,
Hood,

Mr. Littlejohn,
H. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Rankin,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,

Mr. Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Tinharn,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Winsor,
Woodworth, 24

Mr. Beakes then moved to amend the bill by adding after section 9 a new section, to stand as section 10, as follows:

"Sec. 10. In case the township board of any township, or the common council of any city, shall, by resolution, determine to raise forthwith, by tax, the amount provided for by section one of this act, or any part of such amount, the supervisor of such township, or the supervisor or other assessing officer of any supervisor district, judicial district, or assessment district of such city, may levy and assess the amount apportioned by such common council, or such township board, to such supervisor district, judicial district, or assessment district, or to such township, as the case may be, at any time before the twentieth day of February, A. D. 1864, on the property taxable within such township, supervisor district, or assessment district, and such tax shall be levied on the basis of the assessment roll of such township, supervisor district, or assessment district, for the year A. D. 1863;"

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Winsor moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso at the end of section 9:

"*Provided*, The Quartermaster General shall not pay the bounty contemplated by this section, to any person, unless he shall present the certificate of the Provost Marshal that he is credited to the township or ward in which he was enrolled, or that the person shall present his own affidavit that the township or ward to which he is credited, is the township or ward in which he actually resides, and that he is not enrolled elsewhere in the State;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Raymond moved that the bill be put upon its final passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Piper,
Aldrich,	Gaylord,	Porter,
Allen,	Green,	Rankin,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Beakes,	Griswold,	Read,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Betts,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,
Buckley,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	Stewart,
Combs,	Howard,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Cook,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Warner,
Orego,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Deare,	Mallary,	White,
Denman,	McKernan,	Williams,
Dixon,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	Winans,
Eldredge,	J. C. Miller,	Winsor,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Wight,
Fifield,	H. C. Morton,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodworth,
Fowle,	Parsons,	Speaker,
Freeman,		

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Mr. Wheeler,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State, immediately after the passage and approval of the bill relating to bounties, cause the same to be printed and forwarded to each Senator, Representative, county clerk and township clerk in the State;

On motion of Mr. Deare,

The rule requiring concurrent resolutions to lie on the table for one day was suspended, and,

The resolution was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Luther,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Abbott in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships, cities and incorporated villages in any of the counties on the line of the Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad, to aid in the construction of said railroad,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

ISAAC C. ABBOTT, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the bill by the committee, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby authorized and directed to compile and prepare for publication, make indexes, and superintend the publication of the journals and documents of the present Legislature, and when completed and certified to by the Secretary of State, they shall each be entitled to and receive for their services, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars,

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships in any of the counties on the line of the proposed railroad, of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company, to aid in the construction of said railroad,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same as follows:

In section 1, line 2, by inserting after the word "townships"

the words "cities and incorporated villages;" in line 3, by striking out the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "municipality;" in line 5, by striking out the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "municipality;" in line 6 by striking out the word "township."

In section 2, line 1, by striking out the word "townships" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "municipalities;" also, in said line by inserting between the words "the" and "electors," the words "taxable property holding;" also, in line 2 by striking out the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "municipality;" also, in line 3 by inserting after the word "interest" the words "which shall not exceed seven per cent. per annum;" also, in line 4 by striking out the word "township" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "municipality;" also, in line 10 by striking out the word "township;" also, in line 11, by striking out the word "township."

In section 3, line 2, by inserting after the word "board," the words "and president and clerk of the incorporated villages, by direction of the trustees, as the case may be, or the mayor and clerk of any city, by direction of the common council;" also, in line 5, by inserting after the word "township," the words "city or incorporated village."

In section 4, line 1, by inserting after the word "act," the words "and the proper officers of any such city or incorporated village;" also, by inserting at the end of said section, the following: "*Provided*, That no bonds, or other evidences of debt, issued under the provisions of this act, shall be sold for less than their par value, nor such bonds, or other evidences of debt, or the moneys arising from the sale of the same, be delivered or paid over to said railroad company, until the ties shall be furnished and delivered on the line of the road, and the road bed thereof, including all bridges, culverts, cattle-guards and road crossings, shall be fully completed and ready for the iron within the limits of the municipalities rendering such aid."

The Senate has also amended the title by striking out the words "of the proposed railroad;" also, the word "company;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Read moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbett,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Parsons,
Aldrich,	Green,	Piper,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Griswold,	Raymond,
Betts,	Harmon,	Read,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Buckley,	Haze,	Spencer,
Burt,	Hemingway,	Sprague,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Stewart,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Lockwood,	Thomas,
Crego,	Luther,	Welch,
Deare,	Mallery,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	McKertan,	White,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Williams,
Erskine,	J. C. Miller,	Wight,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Woodman,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Woodworth,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Speaker,
Freeman,		

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The amendment made by the Senate to the title was agreed to.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. H. C. Morton: memorial of the board of supervisors of the county of Berrien, praying for the passage of a law legalizing the action of said board in regard to raising bounties for volunteers; also, for a uniform State bounty, assuming as a State debt the amounts raised by the several counties, up to the amount so established as a State bounty;

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The memorial was laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ingersoll, in the county of Midland, and to legalize the tax roll of said township,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment, to stand as section 4, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The House concurred in the amendment made by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize manufacturing corporations, in the counties of Saginaw and Bay, to take stock in plank road companies, and associations formed for the improvement of Saginaw river,

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYOE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, and certain other townships and incorporated villages in said county, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or to some other point on the Michigan Central railroad,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same in section 6, line 4, by inserting after the word "treasurer," the words "of the township for the use;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Woodman moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	Harmon,	Read,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Sprague,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Jenison,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Keeney,	Sweezey,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Lockwood,	Thomas,
Crane,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Deare,	Mallery,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	McKernan,	Wheeler,
Dow,	McMartin,	White,
Eldredge,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Wight,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Gaylord,	Porter,	Speaker,
Grinnell,	Rankin,	

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county, and for other purposes;

2. A bill supplementary to an act to provide for recording United States revenue stamps affixed to instruments authorized by law to be recorded, approved March 14, 1863;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Deare offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the county clerk of each county in this State, be and is hereby required to report to the Secretary of State, on or before the first day of December next, the amount of taxes raised, and indebtedness made by such counties, since the commencement of the rebellion, for war purposes, including the taxes and indebtedness made on account of relief to families of volunteers, and that the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of such reports to the next Legislature.

Resolved That the Clerk of this House be instructed to furnish a copy of this resolution to each county clerk in the State.

Laid on the table for one day, under the rules.

Mr. Allen, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, to levy, assess and collect upon the taxable property of said township, the amount of bonds issued by said township board for bounty purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Hemingway, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to authorize certain military officers to administer oaths and take acknowledgments.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Ingersoll, in the county of Midland, and to legalize the tax roll of said township,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Harmon,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	H. A. Hayden,	Read,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Slafter,
Betts,	Haze,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Sprague,
Burt	Hodgkinson,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	Hood,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Howard,	Aura Smith,
Congdon,	Keency,	Stewart,
Cook,	Littlejohn,	Sweezey,
Cowan,	Lockwood,	Thayer,
Crane,	Luther,	Thomas,
Deare,	Mallary,	Voorheis,
Denman,	McKernan,	Warner,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	Welch,
Dow,	H. Miller,	Weatherby,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Wheeler,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	White,
Fowle,	H. C. Morton,	Williams,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Winans,
Gargett,	Parsons,	Wight,
Gaylord,	Piper,	Woodman,
Ginnell,	Porter,	Woodworth,
Grosebeck,	Rankin,	Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to legalize the action of certain counties in reference to the payment of bounties to persons mustered into the United States service,

Being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. Fifield,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No 11, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships, cities, and incorporated villages in any of the counties on the line of the Am-

boy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad, to aid in the construction of said road,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Porter,
Allen,	Harmon,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Raymond,
Betts,	Haze,	Slafter,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	Spencer,
Clark,	Hood,	Sprague,
Cobb,	Howard,	G. A. Smith,
Combs,	Jenison,	T. G. Smith,
Cook,	Keeney,	Aura Smith,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Stewart,
Crane,	Luther,	Thayer,
Dockeray,	Mallary,	Voorheis,
Dow,	McKernan,	Welch,
Fitch,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Fowle,	J. C. Miller,	Wheeler,
Freeman,	E. G. Morton,	Williams,
Gargett,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Gaylord,	Mosher,	Winans,
Green,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Grinnell,	Piper,	Woodworth, 60

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Mr. Congdon,	Mr. Deare,	Mr. Erskine,	3
Title agreed to.			

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. Winans in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through the chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled bill:

1. A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the con-

struction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following entitled bills:

2. A bill to authorize manufacturing corporations in the counties of Saginaw and Bay, to take stock in plank road companies, and associations formed for the improvement of Saginaw river;

3. A bill to authorize certain military officers to administer oaths and take acknowledgments;

4. A bill authorizing the township board of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, to levy, assess and collect upon the taxable property of said township the amount of bonds issued by said township board for bounty purposes,

Have made no amendment thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

E. B. WINANS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

The House concurred in the amendments made to the first named bill, and the bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The second, third and fourth named bills, were placed on the order of third reading.

The House then took up the order of

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize certain military officers to administer oaths and take acknowledgments,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. H. A. Hayden,	Mr. Slafter,
Allen,	Haze,	Spencer,
Barnes,	Hemingway,	G. A. Smith,
Bentley,	Hodgkinson,	T. G. Smith,
Betts,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Buckley,	Howard,	Stewart,
Burt,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Clark,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Combs,	Lockwood,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Mallary,	Welch,
Crego,	McKernan,	Weatherby,
Deare,	H. Miller,	Wheeler,
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	White,
Fitch,	E. G. Morton,	Williams,
Freeman,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Gaylord,	Piper,	Winans,
Green,	Porter,	Woodman,
Grinnell,	Rankin,	Woodworth,
Grosebeck,	Raymond,	Speaker,
Harmon,	Read,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Dockeray,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 9, entitled

A bill to authorize manufacturing corporations in the counties of Saginaw and Bay, to take stock in plank road companies, and associations formed for the improvement of the Saginaw river,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Grosebeck,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	H. A. Hayden,	Spencer,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Betts,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	Aura Smith,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,

Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Dockeray,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,

Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morten,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. Barnes,

Mr. Beakes,

Mr. Tinhaam,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, to assess and collect upon the taxable property of said township, the amount of bonds issued by said township board for bounty purposes,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crane,

Mr. Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,

Mr. Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,

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Crego,
Deare,
Dockeray,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,

J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,

Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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NAYS.

Mr. H. Miller,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to authorize the Michigan Salt Company to carry on its business in the counties of Saginaw and Bay,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Fellows,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Luther,
Mallary,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Parsons,
Piper,

Mr. Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Wight,

Gargett,	Porter,	Woodman,	
Green,	Rankin,	Woodworth,	
Grinnell,	Raymond,	Speaker,	69
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon, to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may hereafter be organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Rankin,	
Allen,	Grinnell,	Read,	
Barnes,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,	
Bentley,	Harmon,	Spencer,	
Buckley,	H. A. Hayden,	Sprague,	
Burt,	Henry Hayden,	G. A. Smith,	
Clark,	Haze,	Aura Smith,	
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,	
Combs,	Hood,	Sweezy,	
Congdon,	Howard,	Thayer,	
Cowan,	Jenison,	Tinham,	
Crane,	Keeney,	Welch,	
Crego,	Luther,	Weatherby,	
Deare,	Mallory,	Wheeler,	
Denman,	McKernan,	White,	
Dixon,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,	
Fellows,	E. G. Morton,	Wilson,	
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,	
Fowle,	Parsons,	Wight,	
Freeman,	Piper,	Woodworth,	
Gargett,	Porter,	Speaker,	63

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Mr. Hemingway,	1
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Title agreed to.

Mr. Allen moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the action of the township of York, in reference to raising volunteers;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Green,	Raymond,
Barnes,	Grinnell,	Read,
Beakes,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Henry Hayden,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Haze,	Sprague,
Burt,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Clark,	Hood,	Thomas,
Combs,	Howard,	Tinham,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Welch,
Crane,	Luther,	Wheeler,
Crego,	Mallary,	White,
Deare,	McKernan,	Williams,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Wight,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Parsons,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Piper,	Speaker,
Gargett,		

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Mr. Betts,	Mr. Sweezey,	2
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Beakes asked the unanimous consent of the House to introduce

Joint resolution authorizing and requesting the Supreme Court of this State to decide whether an act entitled an act to enable the qualified electors of this State in the military service to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws, or any part thereof, is authorized under the constitution of this State;

Objected to by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Beakes moved to suspend the rule requiring one day's previous notice of the introduction of bills, and demanded the yeas and nays on the motion;

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Grinnell,	Mr. Littlejohn,
Barnes,	Grosebeck,	Lockwood,
Beakes,	Harmon,	McKernan,
Clark,	H. A. Hayden,	J. C. Miller,
Congdon,	Henry Hayden,	E. G. Morton,
Crego,	Hemingway,	Tinham,
Deare,	Hodgkinson,	White,
Fifield,	Howard,	Winans,
Fitch,	Jenison,	Wight,
Gaylord,	Keeney,	

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Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Read,
Bentley,	Gargett,	Slafter,
Betts,	Green,	Spencer,
Buckley,	Haze,	Sprague,
Burt,	Hood,	G. A. Smith,
Cobb,	Luther,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Mallary,	Sweezy,
Cook,	McMartin,	Thayer,
Cowan,	H. Miller,	Thomas,
Crane,	H. O. Morton,	Voorheis,
Denman,	Mosher,	Welch,
Dixon,	Parsons,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Piper,	Williams,
Dow,	Porter,	Wilson,
Fellows,	Rankin,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Raymond,	Woodworth,

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Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Erskine, for an indefinite time, on account of sickness.

Mr. McMartin asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, for Mr. Littlejohn.

Mr. E. G. Morton offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That we recognize the right of the General Government to call upon this State for its

quota of men under the calls of the President, and that we will patriotically respond to such calls; but that we do not recognize the right and power of Provost Marshal Col. Hill, to interfere with, and to prevent the proper credit of men enlisting in the service of the Government, to the sub-districts where they belong, and that such interference is at war with our local rights as a State.

Mr. E. G. Merton moved to suspend the rule requiring concurrent resolutions to lie on the table one day;

Mr. Williams moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Woodman,

The resolution was referred to the committee on federal relations.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws, -

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

Section 2, line 2, by inserting after the word "States," the words "or volunteer soldiers, residents of Michigan, belonging to regiments, batteries or companies, present on the day of election from other States."

In section 8, line 1, by striking out the word "may;" also, in line 2, by inserting the word "may" before the word "open."

In section 14, line 4, by inserting after the word "names," the words "and designation of office;" also, in said line, by inserting after word "printed," the words "or partly written and

partly printed;" also, in line 8, by inserting the words "of paper" between the words "piece" and "and."

Section 17, by striking out the words "resided in," occurring in lines 6, 12, 19, 26 and 31, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "been a resident of;" also, by striking out the words "the time you entered the military service," where they occur in line 8, lines 13 and 14, 20 and 21, 27 and 28, and 33, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "this day;" also, by striking out the word "in," where it occurs after the word "and" in lines 6, 12, 19, 26 and 32, and inserting the word "of," in lieu thereof.

Section 23, line 6, by striking out the word "or," where it first occurs; also, by inserting in same line, after the word "artillery," the words "or battery."

Section 24, line 4, by inserting after the word "days," the words "and such commissioner shall transmit the same to the Secretary of State."

Section 25, by adding at the end, the words "all of which shall be preserved in his office."

Section 31, by inserting in line 3, after the word "company," the words "or battery."

Section 34, line 2, by striking out the word "act," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "State;" also, in line 7, by striking out the words "and it becomes necessary."

Section 36, line 1, by inserting after the word "be," the words "and the same is hereby."

Recited section 61, line 4, by striking out the word "third," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "second;" also, in line 7, by striking out the word "forty," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

By adding a new section, to stand as section 38, to read as follows:

"This act shall continue in force during the present war, and no longer; and all privileges and rights hereby granted shall cease and determine upon the passage of a law or resolution by

Congress, or the issuing of a proclamation by the President of the United States, declaring the restoration of peace;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Hemingway moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Spencer,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	Sprague,
Betts,	Haze,	G. A. Smith,
Buckley,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Hood,	Aura Smith,
Cobb,	Keeney,	Stewart,
Combs,	Luther,	Sweezy,
Cowan,	Mallary,	Thayer,
Crane,	McMartin,	Thomas,
Crego,	H. Miller,	Voorheis,
Denman,	H. C. Morton,	Welch,
Dixon,	Mosher,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	Parsons,	Wheeler,
Dow,	Piper,	Williams,
Fellows,	Porter,	Wilson,
Fowle,	Rankin,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Raymond,	Woodworth,
Gargett,	Slafter,	Speaker,

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Mr. Clark,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Jenison,
Congdon,	Grosebeck,	Littlejohn,
Deare,	Harmon,	J. C. Miller,
Eldredge,	Henry Hayden,	White,
Fifield,	Hodgkinson,	Winans,
Fitch,	Howard,	Wight,

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate bill no 6, entitled

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

And that the Senate has appointed a committee of conference on said bill, consisting of Senators Landon, Crapo and Lamb, and request the appointment of a like committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. J. C. Miller moved that the House adhere;

Which motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the House insist;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Hemingway moved that a committee of conference, consisting of three members, be appointed, to confer with the committee appointed by the Senate, on the disagreement of the two Houses in regard to said bill;

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hemingway, Warner and Barnes as such committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

By joint resolution No. 11, laws of 1861, the Board of State Auditors were authorized to audit and allow the claim of Wm. Beard, in the matter of the improvement of navigation over the sand flats of the Muskegon river, and the Commissioner of the State Land Office was thereby authorized "to issue patents of

State swamp lands therefor." It is said that the Board has declined to accept the offer made by this joint resolution, and it is, therefore, of no avail. It is also said several other persons are interested in the claim to the amount of some thousands of dollars, Beard being trustee only for them, and that these persons are willing and desirous of accepting the lands to the amount of their several claims. That the rights of the several parties have been fully settled by an agreement in writing, is also asserted.

These facts being admitted, I see no objection to the passage of a joint resolution authorizing a portion of these claimants to make good their claims before the Board of State Auditors and receive their pay in the same manner as provided for in the original resolution. It will be observed that the lands are to be selected only in certain counties. To this extent, and no further, I recommend action upon the subject.

I also recommend legislative action upon the following subjects:

To relieve H. McKenzie, of the Mining Gazette, he having failed to furnish an affidavit to the Auditor General of the publication of tax sales, in pursuance of the statutes;

To amend section 1, of chapter 58, of the compiled laws, so as to allow the incorporation of monument associations thereunder;

To amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide for the re-platting of the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, approved March 20th, 1863.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The message was laid on the table.

Mr. White, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of William Beard.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. White,

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Sweezy, unanimous consent being given, introduced.

A bill to amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide for re-platting the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, approved March 20, 1863.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Sweezy,

The bill was placed on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	Green,	Read,
Beakes,	Grinnell,	Slaffter,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Betts,	Harmon,	Sprague,
Buckley,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Aura Smith,
Combs,	Howard,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Sweezy,
Cook,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Cowan,	Littlejohn,	Tinham,
Crane,	Luther,	Voorheis,
Crego,	Mallary,	Welch,
Deare,	McKernan,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	McMartin,	Wheeler,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Dow,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Fellows,	Mosher,	Winans,
Fifield,	Parsons,	Winsor,
Fitch,	Piper,	Woodman,
Fowle,	Porter,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Rankin,	Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sweezy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. McKernan, unanimous consent being given, introduced Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. McKernan,

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. White, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 58, of the compiled laws.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. White,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

House joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Buckley,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Mallory,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Mr. Raymond,
Read,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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The question being upon agreeing to the title and preamble,

Mr. Stewart moved to strike out the preamble;

Which motion did not prevail.

The title and preamble were then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKernan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

House manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 58, of the compiled laws,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Mallery,
McKernan,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Porter,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Read,
Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. White,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Beakes, unanimous consent being given, introduced

A bill to legalize the proceedings of a township meeting of

the electors of the township of Lodi, in the county of Washtenaw, providing for the filling of the quota of said township under the last call for 300,000 men, and to authorize the auditing and allowance of claims against said township, and to authorize said township to levy and collect by tax, forthwith, and pay the amount hired, advanced and expended, for the purpose of filling such quota, under the authority of said township meeting;

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Beakes,

The bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Buckley,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Crane,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Eldredge,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch;

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Littlejohn,
Lockwood,
Mallery,
McKernan,
J. C. Miller,
E. G. Morton,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Anna Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thomas,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Weatherby,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Beakes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill and joint resolutions:

1. A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June 3, 1856, approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862;

2. Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year A. D. 1864;

3. Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature, of the year A. D. 1864,

In the passage of which, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill and joint resolutions were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Read,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Lansing, Wednesday, February 4, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Potter.

Roll called: quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on federal relations:

The committee on federal relations, to whom was referred

Concurrent resolution recognizing the right of the General Government to call upon the State for its quota of men, and protesting against the practice of crediting volunteers to localities to which they do not belong, and censuring B. H. Hill,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. WHEELER, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The resolution was laid on the table.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment report as correctly enrolled, signed and presented to the Governor, the following bills and joint resolutions:

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Gross Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton, on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes, for the year 1863, in the several townships in the county of Allegan;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1863, in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county;

Also,

Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Eldredge,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Jenison,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,

Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
White,
Williams,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to provide for laying out and constructing a swamp land State road in the county of Ionia, to be known as the Ionia and Smyrna State road,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same by adding at the end of section 1, the following: "Provided, That the quantity of land hereby appropriated to the construction of said road shall be four sections, and may be selected from any of the swamp lands in the Lower Peninsula belonging to this State not otherwise heretofore appropriated,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has or-

dered the same to take immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYOE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Spencer moved that the House concur in the amendment made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Slafter,
Aldrich,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Barnes,	Harmon,	Sprague,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Betts,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Hemingway,	Abram Smith,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Cobb,	Howard,	Sweezy,
Combs,	Jenison,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Thomas,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,
Crego,	Luther,	Warner,
Deare,	Mallary,	Welch,
Dixon,	McMartin,	Wheeler,
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	White,
Dow,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Winans,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Wight,
Gargett,	Piper,	Woodman,
Gaylord,	Rankin,	Woodworth,
Green,	Raymond,	Speaker,
Grinnell,		

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of

swamp lands by means of a road to be known as the East Saginaw and Junction State road;

2. A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, in the counties of Sanilac and Huron;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYOE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Auditor General be authorized and directed to send 2,000 copies of the compiled laws to the city of Detroit, and have the same sold at auction, or otherwise, for such sum or price as he shall be able to obtain for the same,

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the Auditor General is hereby authorized and directed to send to the treasurer of each county in the State, one copy of the compiled laws for each 1,000 inhabitants, and for each fractional part of a thousand, in such county, according to the last census; and the county treasurers are hereby directed to sell the same for not less than two dollars and twenty-five cents per copy, and to account for the same to the Auditor General, deducting from the amount of sales the cost of transportation of said laws to the place of sale. It shall be the duty of the treasurer having made sales as above, to report annually, on the first day of

November, to the Auditor General, a statement, which shall show the number of copies sold, and the nett proceeds of such sales. The sums so reported shall thereupon be charged by the Auditor General to the counties from which such reports shall be made;

In the passage of which, as substituted, the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Gaylord moved that the House concur in the adoption of the substitute;

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That from and after the evening of Thursday, the fourth day of February instant, the two Houses will transact no business other than for the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to sign enrolled bills for the approval of the Governor, and the entry of the same on the journals of the proper Houses by the Secretary and Clerk, and the day of final adjournment of this Legislature shall be on Saturday, the 6th day of February inst., at 12 o'clock, at noon, of that day;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

A bill to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, for the extra session for the year 1864;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit, approved February 5th, 1857;

Also,

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs;

Also,

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term.

CHARLES BETTS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted.

By the committee on ways and means:

The committee on ways and means, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the claim of Wm. Beard on the Muskegon river sand flat improvement;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of William Beard,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying amendment, recommending that the amendment be concurred in, and that the joint resolution when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. B. DENMAN, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. White,

The joint resolution was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

The committee of conference appointed on the disagreement of the two Houses on Senate bill No. 6, being

A bill authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers in the service of the United States,

Respectfully report that they have conferred together on the subject of disagreement between the two Houses, and have unanimously agreed upon the following amendments to said bill:

1st. Strike out of section 4, line 15, all after the word "under" to the end of the sentence, and insert in place thereof the words, "the two calls by the President of the United States, next preceding the 20th day of January, 1864;" and in line 18 of same section, strike out the word "herein," and insert in place thereof the words "in this section;"

2d. Amend section 6 by striking out the words "which may hereafter be," in line 6, and insert in line 7, after the words "United States," the words "since January 20th, 1864; or which he may hereafter make;"

3d. Amend section 8 by inserting the word "hereafter" between the words "shall" and "be" in the proviso;

4th. Amend section 9 by inserting in the proviso, after the word "person," where it first occurs, the words "being a resident of this State,"

And recommend that the House concur in said amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. HEMINGWAY, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Howard moved that the House concur in the recommendations of the committee;

Which motion prevailed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,

Mr. Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Aura Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,

Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Thomas,	
Combs,	Hood,	Tinham,	
Congdon,	Howard,	Voorheis,	
Cowan,	Jenison,	Warner,	
Crane,	Keeney,	Welch,	
Crego,	Littlejohn,	Weatherby,	
Deare,	Luther,	Wheeler,	
Denman,	McMartin,	White,	
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Williams,	
Dockeray,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,	
Dow,	Mosher,	Winans,	
Eldredge,	Parsons,	Winsor,	
Fifield,	Piper,	Wight,	
Fowle,	Porter,	Woodman,	
Freeman,	Rankin,	Woodworth,	
Gargett,	Raymond,	Speaker,	
Gaylord,	Read,		77
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MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. Griswold offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby instructed to procure to be printed, in cheap pamphlet form, so much of the revised statutes and session laws as has reference to the duties of highway commissioners and overseers of highways, and to forward to each of the county clerks a sufficient number of copies of said laws to supply each of said township officers with one copy thereof.

On motion of Mr. Griswold,

The rule requiring concurrent resolutions to lie on the table for one day was suspended, and,

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Tinham offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and is hereby directed to mail to each of the members and officers of the House, the daily Journals, and such other documents, to which such members and officers are entitled, as will be printed, and have not been laid on the members tables;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Read offered the following:

Resolved, That the rule of this House requiring concurrent resolutions to lie on the table for one day, be suspended for the remainder of this session;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Woodman offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be authorized and required to cause to be printed, and forward with the copies of the law passed at this session, "authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers," an equal number of copies of the joint resolution relative to the relief of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Allen moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, for the year 1863;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Allen moved that the bill be put upon its immediate passage;

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,

Mr. Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinharn,

2d. By inserting, between section 1 and recited section 17, a new section, to stand as section 12 of said act, as follows:

"Sec. 12. If any person shall willfully obstruct or in anywise injure such canal, harbor or improvements, or any dock, wharf or other fixture connected therewith, or shall violate any rule or regulation established by said company, such person, or such boat or vessel, or other craft, as the said company may elect, shall be liable for all damages done or committed; and said damages, if against the person, may be recovered in an action of trespass; and if proved to have been done willfully, treble damages may be recovered. Any such claim for damages, if the company shall so elect, shall be a lien on any such boat or vessel, or other craft, and such lien may be enforced under the existing provisions of the law therefor,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Lockwood moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,

Mr. Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinharn,

Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,

Voorheis,
Warner,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a State road in the counties of Lapeer and Tuscola,

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a substitute therefor, under the same title, and which substitute is herewith transmitted;

In the passage of which, as thus substituted, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson moved that the House concur in the adoption of the substitute of the Senate for the bill;

Which motion prevailed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bliss,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,

Burt,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Clark,	H. A. Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Henry Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Combs,	Haze,	Sweezy,
Congdon,	Hemingway,	Thayer,
Cook,	Hodgkinson,	Thomas,
Cowan,	Hood,	Tinham,
Crane,	Howard,	Voorheis,
Crego,	Keeney,	Weatherby,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	Luther,	White,
Dockeray,	Mallary,	Williams,
Dow,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Wight,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Piper,	Speaker,
Gaylord,		

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to lay out and improve a State road to be known as the Genesee and Tuscola State road,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same in section 1, by inserting the words "for nine miles from the northern terminus," between the words "mile" and "to;" also, by inserting the words "in constructing said nine miles," between the words "expended" and "under."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has

ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate

Mr. Hemingway moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Grosebeck,	Slafter,
Allen,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Clark,	Haze,	T. G. Smith,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Abram Smith,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Hood,	Thayer,
Cook,	Howard,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Keeney,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Crego,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	Mallery,	Wheeler,
Dow,	McMartin,	White,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Fitch,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Freeman,	Mosher,	Winans,
Gargett,	Parsons,	Winsor,
Gaylord,	Piper,	Wight,
Green,	Rankin,	Woodman,
Grinnell,		

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, from Alma, in

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 8, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to cause to be printed, in pamphlet form, all the laws passed at this session of the Legislature in reference to bounties, and transmit a copy of the same to each supervisor and clerk of every township, city or ward in the State,

Which has passed the Senate and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 8, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State, immediately after the passage and approval of the bill relating to bounties, cause the same to be printed and forwarded to each Senator, Representative, county clerk and township clerk in this State;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,
WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to authorize a war bounty loan;
2. A bill to provide for the interest on the war bounty loan;
3. A bill to authorize certain townships in St. Joseph county, to subscribe for stock in a corporation now in existence or to be hereafter organized, to reconstruct the railroad from Constantine to Three Rivers, or to aid the same by loans or donations;

Which have passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in all of which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The first named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The second named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Parsons,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The third named bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended said bill by striking out section 5, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 5. No bonds, or other evidences of debt, shall be delivered by the treasurer of any township, city or village, for any railroad company, until all the terms and conditions required by the vote of the townships, cities or villages, or the proper authorities thereof, shall have been fully complied with: *Provided*, That no bonds or other evidences of debt, issued under the provisions of this act, shall be sold for less than their par value, nor such bonds or other evidences of debt, or the moneys arising from the sale of the same, be delivered or paid over to said railroad company until the ties shall be furnished and delivered on the line of the road, and the road bed thereof, including all bridges, culverts, cattle-guards and road crossings, shall be fully completed and ready for the iron, within the limits of the municipalities rendering such aid;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Harmon moved that the House concur in the amendment made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

• YEAS. •

Mr. Abbett,
Aldrich,
Barnes,
Beakes,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,

Mr. Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,
Raymond,

Bentley,	Grosebeck,	Read,
Betts,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Burt,	H. A. Hayden,	Spencer,
Clark,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,
Cobb,	Haze,	G. A. Smith,
Combs,	Hemingway,	T. G. Smith,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Abram Smith,
Cook,	Hood,	Stewart,
Cowan,	Howard,	Sweezey,
Crane,	Keeney,	Thayer,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Deare,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Dixon,	Mallary,	Wheelér,
Dockeray,	McMartin,	White,
Dow,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Fellows,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Fitch,	H. O. Morton,	Winans,
Fowle,	Mosher,	Wight,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Gargett,		

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section seventeen, of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13th, 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18th, 1862, approved March 20th, 1863,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same as follows:

1st. In section 1, line 1, by adding the letter "s," to the word "section," and by inserting before the word "seventeen," the words "twelve and;"

Gratiot county, via Maple Rapids, to the south line of Clinton county,

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp land by means of State road and ditches;

In the passage of which, as substituted, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Dow moved that the House concur in the adoption of the substitute of the Senate for the bill;

Which motion prevailed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Green,	Read,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Griswold,	Spencer,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Henry Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Cobb,	Haze,	Sweezy,
Combs,	Hemingway,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Tinham,
Cook,	Hood,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Howard,	Welch,
Crane,	Keeney,	Weatherby,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Deare,	Luther,	White,
Denman,	McMartin,	Williams,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Dow,	Mosher,	Winans,
Fellows,	Parsons,	Winsor,
Fitch,	Piper,	Wight,
Freeman,	Porter,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Rankin,	Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Welch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the village of Muir, in Ionia county, to the north line of Isabella county,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, in section 3, by inserting the words "within the limits of Montcalm and Isabella counties," between the words "mile" and "to;" also, by inserting the words "within the limits of said Montcalm and Isabella counties, and not others," between the words "expended" and "under;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Parsons moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Allen,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,

Mr. Freeman,
Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Großebeck,
Harmon,

Mr. Porter,
Rankin,
Slaftér,
Spencer,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,

Combs,	H. A. Hayden.	Stewart,
Congdon,	Haze,	Tinham,
Cook,	Hemingway,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Hood,	Weatherby,
Crane,	Keeney,	White,
Crego,	Luther,	Williams,
Deare,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Dixon,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Dow,	Mosher,	Wight,
Fellows,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Piper,	Speaker,

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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association;

2. A bill to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State Prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bills:

1. A bill to lay out and establish a State road from the terminus of the Saginaw and Gratiot State road, to the Muskegon river, in Newaygo county;

2. A bill to lay out and establish a road to be known as the White Rock and Bingham State road;

3. A bill to amend section 1 of an act providing for a re-survey of a portion of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon State road, and appropriation of swamp lands for the improvement thereof, approved March 20, 1863;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The several bills were referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have received the resolution of your honorable body, adopted January 28th last, requesting to be informed "whether all or any of the lands donated by the General Government to this State, in aid of Agricultural Colleges, have been selected, and if so, in what manner they have been selected; also, whether I deem any further legislation necessary to secure said grant of lands."

In answer, I enclose a communication from the Commissioner

of the State Land Office, from which it appears that none of the lands have yet been actually selected, though the maps, plats and notes necessary to be used in the selection, have been mainly prepared, and the work will proceed at the earliest possible moment.

I am not aware that any further legislation is necessary.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

The message was laid on the table.

The following is the communication:

LANSING, January 30, 1864.

HIS EXCELLENCY AUSTIN BLAIR:

SIR—In answer to the inquiry, contained in the resolution of Mr. Betts, relating to the lands inuring to the benefit of the Agricultural College, I have the honor to report, that no lands have been selected under the grant. A list of farming lands, somewhat less than fifty thousand acres, has been prepared, but not yet filed in the several district offices.

The work of preparation has been one of very considerable magnitude.

Lists of Government lands have been procured from the several district offices, one or two of which are still incomplete.

These lands have been platted, and the quality of the land ascertained, as far as the same can be by a critical examination of the topography of the survey, and field notes in the Land Office.

The topography for the selection in the farming lands is deemed ample and reliable, with the recent surveys. It would be very unsafe for the selection of pine lands.

Serious embarrassment in selecting has arisen from two conditions incident to the grant :

- 1st. We cannot select less than a quarter section in a body.
- 2d. If we select within the limits of the several railroad reserve, we can only do so at a double minimum of \$2 50 per acre.

Our examinations do not show a large amount of the most

desirable lands in quarter sections, subject to location, west of the limits of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad.

The same is true of the lands subject to location south of the Flint and Pere Marquette route.

To a limited extent, the same causes affect lands in Saginaw District.

On a very considerable portion of each route, the reserve limits extend fifteen miles each way, although the double minimum extends only six miles on each side the line.

If we go to the interim of the limits of the several routes, we locate far distant from our settlements—the lands are of little present value.

If we select adjacent to settlements, and within the reserved limits, we accept half the quantity, in consideration of the increased value which the railroads are supposed to impart.

These considerations make great care necessary, affecting, as they manifestly do, the value of the grant.

Could we have a reasonable assurance that the roads will be completed soon, no question could arise as to the policy of selecting chiefly adjacent to and within the limits of the railroad reserves, and the settled portion of the State.

On the contrary, could we reasonably assume that the projected roads will be abandoned, and the grant lapse to the General Government in 1866, there cannot exist any well grounded doubt that the value of the grant would be greatly enhanced by awaiting that event, before selecting a large portion of the lands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAM'L S. LACEY,

Agent for Selection.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES.

Mr. T. G. Smith offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of each act passed at this session, extending the time for the collection of taxes, to the township or city clerk of the several townships

and cities where the time of such collection has been so extended, respectively;

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Bliss offered the following:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure and distribute 5,000 copies of the bill entitled "a bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections forty-five and sixty-one, of chapter six, of the compiled laws," passed at this session, among the Michigan regiments and batteries in the service of the United States;

Which was adopted.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate bill No. 13, entitled

A bill authorizing a war bounty loan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Spencer,
Allen,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Barnes,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Beakes,	Harmon,	T. G. Smith,
Bentley,	H. A. Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Stewart,
Bliss,	Haze,	Thayer,
Burt,	Hemingway,	Thomas,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Tinham,
Cobb,	Hood,	Voorheis,
Combs,	Howard,	Warner,
Congdon,	Keeney,	Weatherby,
Cook,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Cowan,	Luther,	White,
Crego,	McMartin,	Williams,
Deare,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Dockeray,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Dow,	Mosher,	Wight,

Fitch,
Fowle,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Beakes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to provide for the interest on the war bounty loan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crego,
Deare,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Gargett,
Gaylord,

Mr. Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Mr. Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Spragne,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Speaker,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize certain townships in St. Joseph county to aid any incorporation now in existence, or to be hereafter organized, to reconstruct the railroad from Constantine to Three Rivers, by loans or donations,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gargett,	Mr. Slafter,
Aldrich,	Gaylord,	Spencer,
Allen,	Green,	Sprague,
Bentley,	Grinnell,	T. G. Smith,
Betts,	Grosebeck,	Abram Smith,
Bliss,	Harmon,	Stewart,
Burt,	Henry Hayden,	Sweezey,
Clark,	Haze,	Thayer,
Cobb,	Hood,	Thomas,
Combs,	Howard,	Tinham,
Congdon,	Keeney,	Voorheis,
Cook,	Lockwood,	Weatherby,
Cowan,	Luther,	Wheeler,
Crane,	Mallary,	White,
Crego,	McKernan,	Williams,
Deare,	H. Miller,	Wilson,
Denman,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,
Dixon,	H. C. Morton,	Winsor,
Dow,	Mosher,	Woodman,
Fellows,	Rankin,	Woodworth,
Fitch,	Raymond,	Speaker,
Freeman,		

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Mr. Fifield,

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order,

Mr. T. G. Smith in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution relative to the settlement of the claim of William Beard,

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

T. G. SMITH, *Chairman*.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. White,

The House concurred in the amendment made to the joint resolution by the committee *in gross*.

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The joint resolution was put upon its final passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,

Mr. Fowle,
Freeman,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
H. A. Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,

Mr. Mosher,
Piper,
Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
White,]

Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Fifield,
Fitch,

Mallory,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,

Williams,
Winans,
Woodman,
Woodworth,

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Mr. Beakes, Mr. Clark, Mr. Abram Smith, 3

The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. White offered the following as a substitute therefor:

Joint resolution to authorize the Board of State Auditors to audit and allow the claim of William Beard and others, in the matter of the improvement of navigation over the sand flats of the Muskegon river, and to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue patents of State swamp land therefor;

Which was adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

Mr. White moved that the joint resolution be ordered to take immediate effect;

Pending which motion,

Mr. Howard moved that there be a call of the House;

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following members were reported absent without leave:

Messrs. Buckley, Cook, Griswold, Harmon, Henry Hayden, Jenison, Mason, McKernan, Parsons, Pendill, Porter, Read, Aura Smith, Tinham, Toll, Wheeler, Wilson and Winsor.

Mr. Deare moved that the absentees be admitted to seats without rendering any excuse;

Which motion did not prevail.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Luther at the bar of the House;

Mr. Luther was admitted, rendered his excuse, and took his seat.

Mr. Howard moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with;

Which motion did not prevail.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Aura Smith at the bar of the House;

Mr. Aura Smith was admitted, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched after the absentees.

Mr. Keeney moved that Mr. E. G. Morton be excused for the remainder of the session;

Which motion did not prevail.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Messrs. Fellows and H. Hayden at the bar of the House;

Messrs. Fellows and H. Hayden were admitted, rendered excuses, and took their seats.

Mr. Warner asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Mason, for the day.

Mr. Lockwood asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Pendill, for the day.

Mr. Abbott asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Buckley, for the day, on account of sickness.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Wheeler at the bar of the House;

Mr. Wheeler was admitted, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

Mr. Howard moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with;

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Raymond asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Read for the day.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Wilson at the bar of the House;

Mr. Wilson was admitted, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Parsons at the bar of the House;

Mr. Parsons was admitted, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Messrs. Griswold, Porter and Tinham at the bar of the House;

Messrs. Griswold, Porter and Tinham were severally admitted, rendered excuses, and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

All further proceedings under the call was dispensed with.

The question pending being upon ordering House joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize the Board of State Auditors to audit and allow the claim of William Beard and others, in the matter of the improvement of navigation over the sand flats of the Muskegon river, and to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue patents of State Swamp land therefor,

To take immediate effect, it was so ordered, two-thirds of all the members elect voting therefor.

Mr. Lockwood moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Wayne to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers;

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The bill was referred to a select committee, composed of the Wayne county delegation.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House adjourned until this afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 3, 1864. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the city of Jackson, and the several townships of Jackson county, to pledge their credit, and the county of Ingham to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Lansing, approved March 20, 1863.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following:

Joint resolution expressing confidence in the President, and nominating Abraham Lincoln for a second term;

Also,

An act to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs;

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to revise the charter of the city of Detroit," approved February 5, 1857;

Also,

An act to provide for the payment of the officers and members of the Legislature, for the extra session for the year 1864;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes for the year 1863, in the township of Lyons, in Ionia county;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes, for the year 1863, in the several townships in the county of Allegan;

Also,

An act to accept the grant of lands made to the State of Michigan by the United States, to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, to the Wisconsin State line, by way of Houghton, on Portage Lake, and to provide for the laying out and construction of the same;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the townships of Greenfield and Gross Point, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863.

AUSTIN BLAIR.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution relative to meetings of the boards of enrollment;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. T. G. Smith,

The joint resolution was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, B. H. Hill, acting Assistant Provost Marshal General of this State, has, by his arbitrary and insolent deportment towards those having business to transact at his office, rendered himself so odious to the people of this State, that his longer continuance in office would seriously impair the recruiting service in this State, and be too gross an outrage to be tolerated; therefore,

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to make an earnest effort to secure the early removal of the said B. H. Hill from said office.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to Provost Marshal General Fry.

In the passage of which, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be authorized and required to cause to be printed, and forwarded with the copies of the law passed at this session "authorizing the payment of bounties to volunteers," an equal number of copies of the joint resolution relative to the relief of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure and distribute 5,000 copies of the bill entitled "a bill to enable the qualified electors of this State in the military service to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws," passed at this session, among the Michigan regiments and batteries in the service of the United States,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby instructed to procure to be printed, in cheap pamphlet form, so much of the revised statutes and session laws as has reference to the duties of commissioners and

overseers of highways, and to forward to each of the county clerks a sufficient number of copies of said laws to supply each of said township officers with one copy thereof;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the people of the State of Michigan, by their Senators and Representatives in Legislature assembled, do hereby solemnly reaffirm their unalterable attachment to the Government, the Constitution and the Union, and their undying hostility to the rebellion, which, without cause, is warring to subvert, overthrow and destroy our liberties and the institutions of the Republic.

Resolved, That we will support and maintain the National Administration in its efforts to maintain the authority of the Government, the integrity of the Constitution, and the preservation of the Union, by the utter and complete overthrow of armed rebellion, and the infliction of such just and merited punishment upon all rebels and traitors as shall be a solemn warning in all time to come against any future attempt at disunion, and secure the permanent and enduring peace, prosperity and good of the nation.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted by the Governor to the President, and our Senators and Representatives in Congress;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the

Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Woodman moved that the House concur in the adoption of the resolution;

Mr. Hemingway demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Slafer,
Allen,	Griswold,	Spencer,
Beakes,	Grosebeck,	Sprague,
Bentley,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Bliss,	Haze,	Abram Smith,
Burt,	Hemingway,	Stewart,
Clark,	Hodgkinson,	Sweezey,
Combs,	Howard,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Jenison,	Thomas,
Cook,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Luther,	Warner,
Crego,	Mallary,	Wheeler,
Denman,	McMartin,	White,
Dixon,	H. Miller,	Williams,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Wilson,
Dow,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Fellows,	Mosher,	Wight,
Fifield,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Fitch,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Porter,	Speaker,
Gaylord,	Rankin,	
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Mr. Lockwood, unanimous consent being given, submitted the following report:

The select committee of delegates from Wayne county, to whom was referred

A bill to authorize the county of Wayne to pay the bounties heretofore offered to volunteers and to issue bonds therefor,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute, recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

T. W. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dow,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Lockwood,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties to subscribe stock in the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad company,

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to authorize the townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, on the line of the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad, to aid in the construction of said road;

In the passage of which, as substituted, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Wheeler moved that the House concur in the adoption of the Senate substitute for the bill;

Which motion prevailed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Rankin,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Raymond,
Allen,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Spencer,
Betts,	H. A. Hayden,	G. A. Smith,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Haze,	Abram Smith,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Stewart,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Sweezy,
Cook,	Hood,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Howard,	Thomas,
Crane,	Jenison,	Warner,
Crego,	Keeney,	Welch,
Deare,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Denman,	Mallery,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	McMartin,	White,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Dow,	H. C. Morton,	Wilson,
Fellows,	Mosher,	Wight,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Piper,	Woodworth,
Gaylord,	Porter,	Speaker, 66

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

Mr. Beakes offered the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, (the Senate concurring,) That our brave soldiers who have gone forth to the battle-field to defend and protect the Constitution and the Union, and especially the scarred and war-worn veterans who, after upholding for two years their country's honor and flag, have now re-enlisted for

the accomplishment of the great object for which the war was undertaken on the part of the Government, are entitled to and we hereby tender them the thanks of the State.

Mr. Beakes demanded the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution;

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Deare,
Denman,
Dixon,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Freeman,
Gargett,

Mr. Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Jenison,
Keeney,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,

Mr. Rankin,
Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution relative to meetings of the enrollment boards,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Raymond,
Allen,	Grinnell,	Spencer,
Beakes,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Bentley,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Betts,	Harmon,	T. G. Smith,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Burt,	Henry Hayden,	Stewart,
Clark,	Haze,	Sweezey,
Combs,	Hemingway,	Thayer,
Congdon,	Hodgkinson,	Thomas,
Cook,	Hood,	Tinham,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Voorheis,
Crane,	Keeney,	Warner,
Crego,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Deare,	Luther,	Weatherby,
Denman,	Mallary,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	McMartin,	White,
Dockeray,	J. C. Miller,	Williams,
Dow,	H. C. Morton,	Winans,
Fifield,	Mosher,	Wight,
Fitch,	Piper,	Woodman,
Freeman,	Porter,	Woodworth,
Gargett,	Rankin,	Speaker,
Gaylord,		70
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Title and preamble agreed to.

House bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Wayne to pay bounties heretofore offered to volunteers, or to issue bonds therefor,

Was read a third time and not passed, a majority of all the members elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Abram Smith,
Betts,	Hodgkinson,	Tinham,
Clark,	Lockwood,	Welch,
Congdon,	Spencer,	Wight,
Deare,		12

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Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Griswold,	Mr. Raymond,
Bentley,	Harmon,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Henry Hayden,	Sprague,

Burt,
Combs,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Denman,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,
Gargett,
Green,
Grinnell,

Haze,
Hemingway,
Hood,
Howard,
Keeney,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Stewart,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Voorheis,
Warner,
Weatherby,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Winsor,
Woodman,
Woodworth, 54

Mr. J. C. Miller moved to re-consider the vote whereby the House refused to pass the bill;

Mr. Hemingway moved to lay the motion to re-consider on the table;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Cobb moved to take from the table House bill, entitled

A bill to provide for refunding bounties paid by citizens of Kalamazoo to secure the enlistment of volunteers in the military service of the United States;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Cobb moved to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"That the time for voting upon and allowing the claims provided for in an act entitled an act to legalize the action of townships, cities and counties in raising bounties for volunteers, approved March 7, 1863, be and the same hereby is extended in the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, in this State, to January 1, 1865, so that it may and shall be lawful for the qualified electors in each of said townships to vote upon all questions provided for in said act, and for the township board of each of said townships, and the other officers mentioned in said act respectively, to audit and allow the claims mentioned therein, and to do all other acts and things authorized to be done by the provisions of said

act, at any time in the year 1864, in the same manner and with like effect, as if the same had been done in the year 1863;"

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

The bill was put upon its final passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Green,	Mr. Slafter,
Aldrich,	Grinnell,	Spencer,
Allen,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Barnes,	Grosebeck,	G. A. Smith,
Bentley,	Harmon,	T. G. Smith,
Betts,	Henry Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Bliss,	Haze,	Stewart,
Clark,	Hemingway,	Sweezy,
Cobb,	Hodgkinson,	Thayer,
Combs,	Hood,	Thomas,
Congdon,	Keeney,	Tinham,
Cook,	Lockwood,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Luther,	Warner,
Crane,	Mallary,	Welch,
Denman,	McMartin,	Weatherby,
Dockeray,	H. Miller,	Wheeler,
Dow,	J. C. Miller,	White,
Fellows,	H. C. Morton,	Williams,
Fifield,	Mosher,	Wilson,
Fitch,	Parsons,	Winans,
Fowle,	Piper,	Wight,
Freeman,	Porter,	Woodman,
Gargett,	Rankin,	Woodworth,
Gaylord,	Raymond,	Speaker,

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The question being upon agreeing to the title,

Mr. Barnes offered the following as a substitute therefor:

A bill to extend the time for the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, to avail themselves of the provisions of an act entitled an act to legalize the action of townships, cities and counties, in raising bounties for volunteers, approved March 7, 1863;

Which was adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 54 of the compiled-laws

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, in the title, by inserting after the word "one," in line 2, the words "and four,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendment made to the title of the bill by the Senate.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the

same, in line 4 of the resolution, by striking out the word "instructed," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "authorized;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Parsons moved that the House concur in the amendment made to the joint resolution by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. [Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Denman,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallory,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Mr. Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinham,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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The joint resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House took a recess for half an hour.

At the expiration of the recess, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States,

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds all the Senators elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the electors of the township of Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, at the annual township meeting in 1864, to determine by vote, whether they will refund to the township treasurer of said township, certain moneys lost by him, by reason of the failure of the People's Bank of Hudson;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the

Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Green,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide for re-platting the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway,

And to inform the House that the Senate has made the following amendments thereto:

1st. By inserting after the word "duty," in the first line of section 2, the words "of the supervisor and township clerk;" also, by striking out the word "he," in the 9th line, and inserting the word "they" in lieu thereof.

2d. By striking out section 5 of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 5. No bond, or other evidence of debt, issued under the provisions of this act, shall be delivered by the treasurer of any township, for any railroad company, until all the terms and conditions required by the vote of the township, or the proper authorities thereof, shall have been fully complied with: *Provided*, That no bond or other evidence of debt, issued under the provisions of this act, as aforesaid, shall be sold for less than their par value, nor such bonds or other evidences of debt, or the moneys arising from the sale of the same, be delivered or paid over to said railroad company until the ties shall be delivered on the line of said railroad, and the road bed thereof, including all bridges, culverts, cattle-guards and road crossings shall be fully completed and ready for the iron within the limits of the townships rendering such aid.

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Howard moved that the House concur in the amendments made to the bill by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Bentley,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,

Mr. Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
H. A. Hayden,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,

Mr. Raymond,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Sweezy,
Thayer,
Thomas,

Cowan,	Howard,	Welch,	
Crego,	Jenison,	Wheeler,	
Denman,	Keeney,	White,	
Dixon,	Luther,	Williams,	
Dockeray,	Mallary,	Wilson,	
Dow,	J. C. Miller,	Winans,	
Fifield,	H. C. Morton,	Wight,	
Fitch,	Mosher,	Woodman,	
Freeman,	Parsons,	Woodworth,	
Gargett,	Piper,	Speaker,	
Gaylord,	Porter,		59
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The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, for the year 1863,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill authorizing the township board of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, to levy, assess and collect upon

the taxable property of said township the amount of bonds issued by said township board for bounty purposes,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

THIRD READING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to authorize the electors of the township of Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, at the annual township meeting in 1864, to determine, by vote, whether they will refund to the township treasurer of said township, certain moneys lost by him, by reason of the failure of the People's Bank of Hudson,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbett,	Mr. Fellows,	Mr. H. C. Morton,
Aldrich,	Fifield,	Parsons,
Allen,	Fitch,	Piper,
Barnes,	Freeman,	Rankin,
Bentley,	Gargett,	Raymond,
Betts,	Green,	Slafter,
Bliss,	Grinnell,	Spencer,
Clark,	Griswold,	Sprague,
Cobb,	Grosebeck,	T. G. Smith,
Combs,	H. A. Hayden,	Stewart,
Congdon,	Henry Hayden,	Swezey,
Cook,	Haze,	Thayer,
Cowan,	Hodgkinson,	Thomas,
Crane,	Hood,	Voorheis,
Crego,	Howard,	White,
Deare,	Jenison,	Williams,
Denman,	Lockwood,	Wilson,
Dixon,	Luther,	Woodworth,
Dockeray,	Mallary,	Speaker,
Dow,	J. C. Miller,	

NAYS.

Mr. Gaylord, Mr. Hemingway, Mr. Winans, 3
Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Green.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Senate manuscript bill, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Gaylord,	Mr. Rankin,
Allen,	Green,	Raymond,
Barnes,	Griswold,	Slafter,
Beakes,	Grosebeck,	Spencer,
Bentley,	Harmon,	G. A. Smith,
Bliss,	H. A. Hayden,	T. G. Smith,
Burt,	Henry Hayden,	Abram Smith,
Clark,	Haze,	Sweezy,
Cobb,	Hemingway,	Thayer,
Combs,	Hodgkinson,	Thomas,
Congdon,	Hood,	Voorheis,
Cowan,	Jenison,	Warner,
Crego,	Keeney,	Welch,
Deare,	Lockwood,	Wheeler,
Dixon,	Luther,	White,
Dockeray,	Mallary,	Williams,
Dow,	McMartin,	Wilson,
Fellows,	H. Miller,	Wight,
Fifield,	J. C. Miller,	Woodman,
Fitch,	H. C. Morten,	Woodworth,
Freeman,	Parsons,	Speaker,
Gargett,	Piper,	

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NAYS.

Mr. Betts,	1
Title agreed to.	

On motion of Mr. Combs,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to extend the time for the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, to avail themselves of the provisions of an act entitled an act to legalize the action of townships, cities and counties, in raising bounties for volunteers, approved March 7, 1863;

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to legalize the action of the township of York in reference to raising volunteers,

And to inform the House that the Senate has made the following amendment thereto, by inserting after the title, and before section 1, the following preamble:

“Whereas, The township clerk of the township of York, in the county of Washtenaw, has certified that at a special township meeting of said township, duly called according to law, and held on the fourth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, a resolution was passed by a vote of 153 in favor

thereof, to six against the passage thereof, appointing the five persons hereinafter named, as a committee to offer bounties and procure enlistments to fill the quota of said township, as they should deem best for said township; therefore,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Allen,

The House concurred in the adoption of the preamble to the bill, adopted by the Senate.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House adjourned until this evening, at half past 7 o'clock.

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EVENING SESSION.

7½ o'clock P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend an act entitled an act to organize the county of Leelanaw, and to define the county of Benzie;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators

Which was adopted.

The title was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Barnes,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 1, of chapter 54 of the compiled-laws
And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, in the title, by inserting after the word "one," in line 2, the words "and four,"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,
WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hemingway,

The House concurred in the amendment made to the title of the bill by the Senate.

The bill was then referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled joint resolution:

Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie,

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the

same, in line 4 of the resolution, by striking out the word "instructed," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "authorized;"

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and has ordered the same to take immediate effect, by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Parsons moved that the House concur in the amendment made to the joint resolution by the Senate;

Which motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. [Abbott,
Aldrich,
Allen,
Barnes,
Beakes,
Bentley,
Betts,
Bliss,
Burt,
Clark,
Cobb,
Combs,
Congdon,
Cook,
Cowan,
Crane,
Crego,
Denman,
Dockeray,
Dow,
Fellows,
Fifield,
Fitch,
Fowle,
Freeman,

Mr. Gargett,
Gaylord,
Green,
Grinnell,
Griswold,
Grosebeck,
Harmon,
Henry Hayden,
Haze,
Hemingway,
Hodgkinson,
Hood,
Howard,
Lockwood,
Luther,
Mallary,
McMartin,
H. Miller,
J. C. Miller,
H. C. Morton,
Mosher,
Parsons,
Piper,
Porter,
Rankin,

Mr. Raymond,
Slafter,
Spencer,
Sprague,
G. A. Smith,
T. G. Smith,
Abram Smith,
Stewart,
Sweezey,
Thayer,
Thomas,
Tinharn,
Voorheis,
Welch,
Weatherby,
Wheeler,
White,
Williams,
Wilson,
Winans,
Wight,
Woodman,
Woodworth,
Speaker,

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The joint resolution was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

The House took a recess for half an hour.

At the expiration of the recess, the House was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to authorize the payment of a State bounty to volunteers, mustered from this State into the military service of the United States,

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds all the Senators elect been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Gaylord,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the electors of the township of Rollin, in the county of Lenawee, at the annual township meeting in 1864, to determine by vote, whether they will refund to the township treasurer of said township, certain moneys lost by him, by reason of the failure of the People's Bank of Hudson;

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the

Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. Green,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide for re-platting the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry,

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. BRYCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred to the committee on engrossment and enrollment, for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 4, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following entitled bill:

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway,

And to inform the House that the Senate has made the following amendments thereto:

tendered to the Hon. S. M. Cutcheon, for the very able and impartial manner in which he has discharged his difficult duties as Speaker of the House;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Beakes offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be and they are hereby tendered to the Clerk of this House for the prompt, efficient and courteous manner in which he has discharged his duties;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hemingway offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due to the Sergeant-at-Arms, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barnes moved that when the House adjourn, it adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, and that the session this day be closed with appropriate religious exercises;

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and on doing so, returned his thanks to the members of the House for their uniform courtesy and kindness.

Mr. Lockwood moved that a committee of two be appointed to wait upon the Senate, and inform that body that the House has closed its labors, and is now ready to adjourn;

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Lockwood and Sweezey as such committee.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the Senate.

The committee reported that they had been appointed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate had closed its labors, and was now ready to adjourn.

The committee appointed on the part of the House to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that the House had

closed its labors and was now ready to adjourn, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

After appropriate religious exercises,

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Lansing, Friday, February 5, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called.

The following members answered to their names: Messrs. Betts, Dow, Rankin, T. G. Smith, Thomas, Williams and Winans.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Lansing, Saturday, February 6, 1864.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: not a quorum present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on engrossment and enrollment:

The committee on engrossment and enrollment report as correctly enrolled, signed and presented to the Governor, the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to legalize the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of the taxes therein;

Also,

A bill to legalize the tax roll of Dallas township, in Clinton county, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of the taxes of said township;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, in the county of Macomb, for the year A. D. 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Handy, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to repeal chapter 122 of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft;

Also,

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp land, by means of State roads and ditches;

Also,

A bill to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, to raise, by tax or loan, money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the village of Lawton, or some other point on the Michigan Central railroad;

Also,

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Saline, Washtenaw county, to levy, assess and collect upon the taxable property of said township, the amount of bonds issued by said township board for bounty purposes;

Also,

A bill to legalize the organization of the village of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, and to legalize certain acts of the board of trustees of said village;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the relief of families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose;

Also,

A bill to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry;

Also,

Joint resolution to authorize the Board of State Auditors to audit and allow the claim of William Beard and others, in the matter of the improvement of navigation over the sand flats of the Muskegon river, and to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to issue patents of State Swamp lands therefor;

Also,

A bill to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, for the year 1863;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature of the year 1864;

Also,

A bill supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled "an act

disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June third, 1856," approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862;

Also,

Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

Also,

A bill to amend an act entitled an act further to preserve the purity of elections, and guard against the abuses of the elective franchise by a registration of electors, approved February 14, 1859;

Also,

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo;

Also,

A bill to legalize the action of the township of York in reference to raising volunteers;

Also,

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of State roads and ditches from Muir in Ionia county, to the north line of Isabella county;

Also,

A bill to provide for laying out and establishing a State road in the counties of Lapeer and Tuscola;

Also,

A bill to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State Prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863;

Also,

A bill to authorize the several townships in any of the

counties on the line of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, to aid in the construction of said railroad;

Also,

A bill to authorize the townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, on the line of the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad, to aid in the construction of said road;

Also,

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, in Sanilac and Huron counties;

Also,

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, from the terminus of the Saginaw and Gratiot State road to the Muskegon river, in Newaygo county;

Also,

A bill to lay out and construct a road, to be known as the White Rock and Bingham State road;

Also,

A bill to amend section one of an act [providing for a resurvey of a portion of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon State road, and appropriation of swamp land for the improvement thereof, approved March 20th, 1863;

Also,

A bill to amend section seventeen, of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13th, A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18th, 1862, approved March 20th, 1863;

Also,

A bill to extend the time for the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, to avail themselves of the provisions of an act entitled an act to legalize the action of townships, cities and counties, in raising bounties for volunteers, approved March 7, 1863;

Also,

A bill supplementary to an act to provide for recording United States revenue stamps affixed to instruments authorized by law to be recorded, approved March 14, 1863;

Also,

A bill to amend sections 1 and 4, of chapter 58, of the compiled laws;

Also,

A bill to amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide for re-platting the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, approved March 20, 1863;

Also,

A bill to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon, to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year 1864;

Also,

A bill to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association;

Also,

A bill to provide for laying out and constructing a swamp land State road in the county of Ionia, to be known as the Ionia and Saginaw State road;

Also,

A bill to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

Also,

A bill to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county, Michigan, enlarging

the boundaries of school district No. 1 of said township, and the proceedings of the annual school meeting of the voters of said district, for the year 1863, in reference to the establishment of a graded and high school;

Also,

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a road, to be known as the East Saginaw and Junction State road;

Also,

A bill to lay out and improve a State road, to be known as the Genesee and Tuscola State road;

Also,

A bill to authorize the counties of Jackson and Eaton, and the cities and townships of such counties, and of Barry and Kent, and the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids;

Also,

A bill to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws.

CHARLES BETTS, *Chairman.*

Report accepted and committee discharged.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 5, 1864. }

To the House of Representatives:

I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following:

An act to amend sections 1 and 4, of chapter 58, of the compiled laws;

Also,

An act to amend section 5 of an act to authorize and provide

for re-platting the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry, approved March 20, 1863;

Also,

An act to authorize the several townships of the counties of Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon to aid any railroad company now in existence, or that may be hereafter organized, in the construction of a railroad from the village of Muskegon to some convenient point on the Detroit and Milwaukee railway;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock, in the county of Kalamazoo, to avail themselves of the provisions of an act entitled "an act to legalize the action of townships, cities and counties in raising bounties for volunteers," approved March 7, 1863;

Also,

An act to legalize the assessment roll of the township of Superior, in the county of Washtenaw, for the year 1863;

Also,

An act to authorize the townships of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, on the line of the Schoolcraft and Three Rivers railroad, to aid in the construction of said road;

Also,

Joint resolution for the relief of Henry McKenzie;

Also,

An act to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State roads and ditches, in Sanilac and Huron counties.

Also,

An act to amend sections 12 and 17 of an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the formation of companies to construct canals or harbors, and improve the same, approved March 13, A. D. 1861, and an act amendatory thereto, approved January 18, 1862, approved March 20, 1863;

Also,

An act to provide for laying out and establishing a State road in the counties of Lapeer and Tuscola;

Also,

An act to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp land by means of State roads and ditches;

Also,

An act to lay out and improve a State road to be known as the Genesee and Tuscola State road;

Also,

An act to legalize the action of the board of school inspectors of the township of Portage, Houghton county, Michigan, enlarging the boundaries of school district No. 1 of said township, and the proceedings of the annual school meeting of the voters of said district, for the year 1863, in reference to the establishment of a graded and high school;

Also,

An act to authorize the several townships in any of the counties on the line of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, to aid in the construction of said railroad;

Also,

An act to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a State road and ditches, from the terminus of the Saginaw and Gratiot State road to the Muskegon river, in Newaygo county;

Also,

An act to amend section one of an act providing for a resurvey of a portion of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon State road, and appropriation of swamp lands for the improvement thereof, approved March 20, 1863;

Also,

An act to authorize manufacturing companies to amend their articles of association;

Also,

An act to provide temporary additional compensation to certain subordinate officers of the State prison, for the year commencing December 1, 1863;

Also,

An act to provide for the drainage and reclamation of

swamp lands by means of State roads and ditches, from Muir, in Ionia county, to the north line of Isabella county;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the journals, documents and laws of the extra session of the Legislature, for the year 1864;

Also,

An act to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands by means of a road to be known as the East Saginaw and Junction State road;

Also,

An act to authorize the several townships in the counties of Livingston, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne to pledge their credit, and the county of Livingston to raise by tax, or borrow money, to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point near the city of Detroit, to Howell, in the county of Livingston;

Also,

An act to provide for laying out and constructing a swamp land State road in the county of Ionia, to be known as the Ionia and Smyrna State road;

Also,

An act to enable the qualified electors of this State, in the military service, to vote at certain elections, and to amend sections 45 and 61, of chapter 6, of the compiled laws;

Also,

An act to lay out and construct a road, to be known as the White Rock and Bingham State road;

Also,

An act supplementary to an act to provide for recording United States revenue stamps affixed to instruments authorized by law to be recorded, approved March 14, 1863;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Handy, in the county of Livingston;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in

the township of Fenton, in the county of Genesee, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Chesterfield, in the county of Macomb, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Warren, county of Macomb, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the relief of the families of volunteers mustered from this State into the military or naval service of the United States, or of this State, and declaratory of the meaning of act No. 173, of the session laws of 1863, passed for that purpose;

Also,

An act to authorize the counties of Jackson and Eaton, and the cities and townships of such counties, and of Barry and Kent, the townships of Onondaga and Leslie, in Ingham county, and Leighton and Wayland, in Allegan county, to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Jackson to Grand Rapids;

Also,

Joint resolution relative to the distribution of the laws, journals and documents of the extra session of the Legislature, of the year 1864;

Also,

An act to authorize the township of Lafayette, in the county of Van Buren, to raise by tax, or loan money to aid in the construction of a railroad from the village of Paw Paw, in said county, to the vilage of Lawton, or to some other point on the Michigan Central railroad;

Also,

An act to authorize the city of Battle Creek, and the several townships of Calhoun and Barry counties, to pledge their credit

to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to the village of Hastings, in the county of Barry;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Deerfield, in the county of Livingston, for the year 1863;

Also,

An act supplementary to section 19 of an act entitled an act disposing of certain grants of land made to the State of Michigan for railroad purposes, by act of Congress, approved June 3, 1856, approved February 14, 1857, and to an act approved January 15, 1862;

Also,

An act to repeal chapter 122, of the revised statutes of 1846, and the amendments thereto, and provide for the collection of demands against water-craft;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Richland, in the county of Kalamazoo, for the year 1863;

Also,

An act to legalize the tax roll of the township of Dallas, in Clinton county, for the year 1863, and extend the time for the collection of the taxes of said township;

Also,

An act to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the city of Detroit, in the county of Wayne, for the year 1863;

Also,

An act to legalize the tax roll of the township of Sanilac, in the county of Sanilac, for the year 1863, and to extend the time for the collection of taxes therein;

Also,

An act to legalize the action of the township of York, in reference to raising volunteers;

Also,

An act to authorize the several townships of the counties of Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren and Berrien to pledge their credit in aid of the construction of a railroad from Grand Haven to New Buffalo;

Also,

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Also,

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Also,

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AUSTIN BLAIR.

The message was laid on the table.

There being no further business before the House, and the hour of 12 o'clock noon having arrived, the House was declared adjourned *sine die*.

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Lansing, Mich., February 19, 1864. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct Journal of the proceedings of the House of Representatives of the Legislature, at the extra session of 1864.

N. B. JONES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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